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Mr K6/13/83

*Under Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
28/9/83*

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Mr 28/9/83

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Ministry of External Affairs
East Asia Division

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D. 1657 - EAD/70 (1) SL NO 1
D. 3854 - EAD/70 (2) SL NO 2
D. 3854 - EAD/70 (3) SL NO 3

News papers clippings
on Netaji Subhas
Commission kept in
F. no. 155/8/70-SP. Vol. I

A draft notification regarding the appointment of the Commission of Enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as revised by the Ministry of Law, received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, is placed below for our comments. Dir. may

kindly see

Chunpal
US(J)
14-4-1970

336-DS(BA) 21

~~DS(EA)
Director(EA)~~

16/4

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266-DS(BA) 7.
16/4

254/US(J)

*US(J)
to 17/4.*

15/4

D. 3900 - EAD/70 SL NO 5
D. 7435 - EAD/70 SL NO 7

Pl. Speak.

sd. T. Chatterjee.
20/7.

spoken

Files are placed below for perusal.

(u)
23/7
US(J) has seen

As desired by US(J), a draft is submitted for approval.

(u)
1/8
US(J)

D. 7928 - EAD/70 SL NO 8
D. 8411 - EAD/70 SL NO 9

Chunpal
1/8

28 424 - EAD/70

sl. no. 12

Pl. speak

sd. T. Cherpook

13/7.

(2)

Pl. send of minutes
Telu
17/8

E.A. Dew

A draft forwarding the requisite
files is submitted for approval.

(u)
18/8

sl. no. 13 - 18/8

vs (5)

Telugu
18/8

sl. no. 14

sl. no. 15-16

sl. no. 17

SECRET

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Subject:- Visit of the Netaji Enquiry Commission to Taiwan.

Reference:- *Letter No. 8/1/70-NIC dated 31.8.1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission.

We cannot officially approach the Taiwan Government in the matter.

2. The alternative is to make discreet and unofficial enquiries with Taiwan's diplomatic Missions in Hong Kong or Japan or Bangkok.

3. Our experience with Taiwan's representative stationed in Hong Kong has not been satisfactory. He has proved to be a difficult man. He made numerous attempts to establish contacts with officials of the Indian Commission in Hong Kong and, when this proved fruitless, insisted on an official request from the Commission being addressed to him before he could consider a particular visa application from any Indian national desirous of visiting Taiwan.

4. Very recently a despatch from Hong Kong had appeared in the 'Indian Express' (of June 30, 1970) which suggested that the Government of India maintained official contacts with the Taiwan Government. A similar despatch had appeared in the same newspaper in 1968. Our information was that both these despatches, which were factually incorrect and baseless, were inspired by the Taiwan Government's representative in Hong Kong.

5. It is, therefore, apprehended that any contacts with the Taiwan representative in Hong Kong, who is believed to be one of their senior-most intelligence officers, could be counter-productive and he might even insist on a formal request. Moreover, judging from

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past experience, he might not resist the temptation to publicise the matter.

6. Hong Kong/politically an extremely sensitive place and we should avoid this risk. It might be better for us to contact the Taiwanese Missions elsewhere. Our Mission in Tokyo could discreetly contact the Taiwanese Embassy there. Alternatively, our Embassy in Bangkok could contact the Taiwanese Embassy in Bangkok. Recently, the First Secretary in our Bangkok Embassy had an occasion to meet his counterpart in the local Taiwan Mission.

7. I would, therefore, suggest that our Mission in Tokyo or Bangkok might discreetly sound the local Taiwanese Mission, in the matter.

A.K. Das

(A.K. Das)
September 10, 1970

Secretary (East)

I have discussed this with our Commissioner in Hong Kong, Shri V. Siddharthacharry, who has been here on consultations. He tells me that the Commission in Hong Kong may be of some assistance to the One-Man Netaji Inquiry Commission for carrying on the enquiries in Formosa. The Commissioner himself will not be back in Hong Kong until the 10th October 1970.

Our Commission may be requested to arrange for suitable assistance to the Inquiry Commission in carrying on its enquiries in time. A copy of the letter received from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, may also be sent. Meanwhile, the interim reply to the Secretary of the Inquiry Commission may issue.

S. Banerji

(S.K. Banerji)
Secretary (East)
19.9.1970

Dy. No. 6146/Secy. (Eas)
Date 19/9

3753-DSR/20
21.9.70

DS (EA)

*Please issue letter dictated. May
with on 3rd October, ASB
and send by message
to rank of Commission 19/9
in an envelope*

EAD

Secret (5)

Ministry of External Affairs
(E.A. Division)

Ref. MHA office memo. regarding the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India. F.R.

A1

According to the Secretary of the Netaji Enquiry Commission, the Commission will visit Japan for about three weeks, commencing from 15th of November, 1970 and the second lap of the journey will take place early in 1971, which will cover Burma, Thailand, Singapore, South Vietnam, Hongkong and Formosa.

The Shah Nawaz Khan Enquiry Committee appointed in 1966 had visited Tokyo, Bangkok and Saigon but not Formosa as the Government of India do not recognise that Government.

So far as the visit to Japan by the Khosla Commission is concerned, there will be no difficulty but it is for consideration whether there will be any objection to Commission's visiting Taiwan.

Insofar as other areas are concerned, we may show the papers to South Asia Division before the programme of the Commission is finalised.

Mr. Agnani, US, MHA, told me, on 'phone, that they would like to have our advice on the question of whether the Secretary of the Enquiry Commission and one PA should accompany Justice Khosla abroad.

We may advise the MHA that we may request our Missions concerned to make the secretarial services available to Justice Khosla and in view of this it will not be necessary for the two of them to accompany Justice Khosla.

DS may please see for advice.

Chupak

US(J)
15-9-1970

DS(EA)

visit to Taiwan is being dealt with separately. DS (S) may please advise on "A" above (excluding Hongkong and Japan).

Ariz
17/9.

DS (S)

Shri Manojl murti

DS (EA) desires to have

the file back.

DS (EA)

DS (S)

Ariz
21/9

We can in liaison to the Commission visiting any 2nd the country... can be by...

19/9

Ariz

3566-2827/10
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7171-885/20

5150/DSS/70

3719-25-21/23
19-9

29/9

(6)

Southern Division has given clearance.
Taiwan has been dealt with separately
on another file. There should be no
difficulty in regard to visits to Hongkong
and Japan.

The reports Secretariat mentioned by
you be provided by the members concerned.
But we may consult the Ministry
first.

29/9

~~MSJ~~

D-10200-443/70
D-10180-443/70
SL no 17

I have discussed with members. We
have no objection to the
visiting Commission visiting Japan
to

Press cutting
SL no 21, 23
SL no 15
SL no 18

The U.O note no. 25/22/70. Poll II dt.
19.10.70 placed below may kindly be
seen.

26/10

SL no 24
Press cutting
SL no 39
SL no 40
SL no 41
SL no 42
SL no 43
SL no 44

US(EA)

3874-288/70

1030-usf/70
3/20

US(J)

As desired by DS. The file is submitted.

Programme of Malay's Deputy Commissioner's visit to Japan and other places may be seen at Flag 'A'.

We have conveyed our no objection to the Commissioner's visit to Japan to MHA. Flag 'C'.

No reply has been received from H.K regarding the visit to Taiwan (ref D.S letter to Commissioner in H.K Flag 'B').

4264-DSD
7/11

11/10/48
S/11

DS (EA)

M Spoken
7/11

7/11

w/5)

Spoken. Please ask MHA, to indicate when the Commission would be visiting the various countries. Even an approximate time would help as we could inform our missions accordingly. Also find out what help is expected to be provided by the missions, apart from stenographic facilities.

Please confirm, as per decision of the Southern Div, that we have no objection to the Commission's visiting the countries (which should be mentioned by name, without however any reference to Taiwan). Let me see the letter before we
7/11

w/5)

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Dy. No. 1112/USJ/70

F.R.

Ref. DS's note dated 9/11, on prepage.

- 1. DS may please see the draft reply to MHA.
- 2. DS may also please see the FR.

This is in reply to the Netaji Enquiry Commission's query as to whether there was any list of war criminals maintained apart from the list which was placed before the International Court in Japan.

We may pass on the information to MHA. 1 yr pl.

[Handwritten signature]

US(J)
9-11-1970

4030-DS/70
10-11-70

DS(EA)

as amended.

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10/11

SL. no 46 158m
 D. 1114 - USJ/70 SL. no 47
 SL. no 48-49 158m

D. 6966 / DEPT/70
M

~~Ref. SL~~

Reference S.No.48.

I am surprised the way the letter has been drafted. Secretary(East) had asked queries to be made on two points (see S.No.47). However, in the letter to Mr. Agnani, you have only communicated the query at a) but not the query at b). Pl. speak.

(crossed out by Director (EA))

(V.V. Paranjpe)
December 1, 1970

5391-DS/70
2-12-70

Seen by
 Anurag (EA)
 Acharya
 already sent
 rule no 46 12/12

DS(EA)

US(J) Discussed with Director (EA)

A letter to Commission may issue as directed by Secretary (East)
[Handwritten initials]

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D. 3533-V10174

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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12 935-EAD/70
2/12

Ref. F.R.

The Netaji Enquiry Commission would like to record an oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rehman who is reported to be in Pakistan. The Commission wants this Ministry to contact Col. Rehman and request him to come to India to give evidence. If Col. Rehman is not in a position to come to India, the Commission would like to go to Pakistan.

We may refer the case to Pakistan Division for their views.

8038-95 (over)
4/12

[Signature]
US(J)
2-12-70

5435 - JSD/21
3-12-70

DS(EA)

JS (Pak) may kindly see.

JS (Pak).

[Signature]
3/12

I doubt if Gen. Govt. will oblige.
No harm in referring the matter to
HQ in Islamabad. We should be
guided by his advice.

~~DS(EA)~~

Letter may
[Signature]
2/12

[Signature]
6/12

D 12 935-EAD/70 - SL no 54
SI no 55 - 15/12
SL no 56 - 15/12
D 13 365-EAD/70 - SL no 57 (15/12)

Pl. put up with file quickly."

Sd. A.K. Das
11/12

File Pl."

Sd. T. Cherpoot
14/12

The letter referred to in F.R. has been submitted

from page

D. 260 - 282/70
SI no 73

SI no 72

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Ministry of External Affairs
(E.A. Division)

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E.I. Tokyo's letter No.SS/70, dated 4-12-1970 - FR.

A copy should go to MHA and through them to Khosla Commission. After that Secretary(E) may see for information.

sd- V.V. Paranjpe
8/12

A copy of the FR has been sent to MHA. They have also been requested to forward a copy thereof to the Khosla Commission.

7417 DBA/70

13770-EAD/26

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5592-DBA/70
15/12

1229-USJ/70
15/12

Secretary(E)

T. Cherpoot
(T. Cherpoot)
US(J)
9/12/70

Bany
14/12/70

Dir EA

Pl put upon file 14/12
15/12
15/12

SA Jaw

Ch
17/12

Reference D.S(EA)'s note above dt. 15.12.70

The letter referred to in FR. is at sl. no 52 at slip 'E'. In this Commission the letter at sl. no 56 at slip 'F' may kindly be seen. Submitted.

US(J)
DS(EA)
21/12

D. 675-EAD/70 ... SI no 74

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two pages:-

submitted.

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temporarily
out of file
agreed

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US (J)
DS (EA)

D. 13158-EAD/70 - - - - - sl no 59

sl no 60 - - - - - 185

D. 13614-EAD/70 - - - - - sl no 61

D. 13170-EAD/70 - - - - - sl no 62 (A+B)

The letters at slip 'A', 'B' and 'C' may
kindly be seen.

The letter referred to at slip 'A' was
submitted to DS (EA) under our diary no
13158 dt. 10.12.70.

Action is to be taken for letter at-
slip 'B', while the letter referred to
in slip 'C' was submitted to DS (EA)
under our diary no 12303 dt. 17.11.70 but
DS (EA) has passed on to Director (EA)
on 18.11.70 vide his office diary no. 5002
-DSEA/70.

submitted.

19/12

US (J)

Discussed with J.S. Action taken
on Slip B.

sl no 62-63 - - - - - 185

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29/12

~~D. 13548-EAD/70 - - - - - sl no 62~~

D. 51-EAD/71 - - - - - sl no 64

sl no 65 - - - - - 185

D. 52-EAD/71 - - - - - sl no 66

D. 277-EAD/71 - - - - - sl no 67

sl no 68 - - - - - 185

D. 278-EAD/71 - - - - - sl no 69

D. 279-EAD/71 - - - - - sl no 70

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3. 671-243171

31. 1. 75

3. 26-451171

31. 1. 16 (FR)

Ref. Director's marginal note on FR.

The letter referred to in the FR may please be seen at flag 'A' which is a reminder to the letter written by DS to our Dy. High Commissioner at Islamabad (flag B). An earlier reply from our High Commissioner at Islamabad may please be seen at flag 'C'.

Teleprint

US(J)
28-1-1971

710 18/1/71

29/1/71

Director (EA)

mkh

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EA (Am)

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20/2 ✓

Secret

(14)

Ministry of External Affairs
(EA Division)

2. 25-2-71

Placed below is a reply from our Commission in Hong Kong regarding the arrangements to be made during the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Hong Kong. We have forward a copy of this to MHA for onward transmission to NEC.

[Signature]
US(J)
21-1-1971

UOI-DSC(RD)/
21-1-71

DS(TA) I have ^{now} ~~not~~ seen the Commission's letter about the prospects of the Enquiry Commission's visit to Taiwan. In view of this, with forwarding this to MHA, please ascertain if the visit to Hong Kong is at all necessary except in connection with the visit to Taiwan.

[Signature]

23/1

Leave letter. It enclose one copy of letter from HK.

25-1-71

to
28/1

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Ministry of External Affairs
(EA Division)

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SI no 79. 24/1/71. ... SI no 79

Placed below is a letter No.BAN/122/2/71, dated 15 Jan. 1971, from our Embassy in Bangkok regarding the accommodation arrangements etc. to be made in connection with the visit of the Netaji Enquiry Commission to Bangkok.

We may send a copy of this to MHA for their information and necessary action.

[Handwritten Signature]

US(J)

28-1-1971

DS(EA)

[Handwritten notes]
Mr M.
2/11

[Handwritten notes]
make a copy of
the enclosed letter
to

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CA (DWS)

SI no 80 ... 188/...

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20-1-71

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Confidential

Ministry of External Affairs
EA Division

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D. 1182-EA/71

Placed below is a letter from our Embassy in Rangoon regarding the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Burma.

We may send a copy to MHA for necessary action.

Chunfong
US(J)
4-2-71

673 DS(EA/71)
4-2-71

~~DS(EA)~~

Yes M. and we have to send a reply under international law.

AKS
9/2

US(J)

Please make a copy of the enclosed letter.

Chunfong
5/2

~~EA (AW)~~

Letter
9/2

M. issue letter

to 9/2

~~EA (AW)~~

D. 1182-EA/71
D. 1634-EA/71
D. 1329-EA/71
D. 1182-EA/71
D. 1634-EA/71
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D. 1329-EA/71

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Ref. MHA u.o. No.25/45/70-Pol.II, dated 10.11.70,
(placed below).

Shri K.L. Gupta, MP, in his letter to the Prime Minister has requested that Netaji Enquiry Commission may visit Taiwan and that the Government may seek maximum cooperation from that Government with a view to finding out the truth about Netaji.

MHA desires us to comment on Shri Gupta's letter before sending him a reply.

Since no final decision has been taken as yet about the Commission's visit to Taiwan and since we are still probing the possibility of the Commission's visit to that place, we may advise MHA that the question is receiving our attention and in this connection draw MHA's attention to DS's letter of even number dated 12.10.1970, to Shri T.R. Agnani, US(Pol.II).

Flag A link file

[Handwritten Signature]

US(J)
17-11-1970

12303/EA/70
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~~5002-DS/EA~~
17-11

~~DS(EA)~~

We may merely state that the proposal that the NEC should make an on-the-spot enquiry at various places abroad including Taiwan, is receiving attention of Govt. Nothing need be said about securing the cooperation of respective Govts.

[Handwritten Signature]
18/11

Director (EA)

I think, we shall have to allow the Netaji Enquiry Commission to visit Taiwan that is the scene of the air-crash - and no investigations could be completed without a visit to the actual crash site.

[Handwritten Signature]
23/11

6637-DEA
19/11
13-DBA/71
1/11

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FS also has a letter on this subject. Pl. obtain it & put up

Boyd
27/11/70

F.S. had sent the letter referred to by Secy. (E) to J.S. (UN), for action. The same has been withdrawn from J.S. (UN), and is placed below for Secy. (E)'s personal.

Com. Notes
28/11

Secy. (E)

Remarks

I believe this ministry's view on the Comintern's visit to Taiwan has been communicated to MHA although the copy of which has not yet come down to the Division. Mr. Synani has confirmed that they have received the letter from this ministry. The enclosed file of MHA may be returned.

EA (Dw)

Chapman
4/2

Coordination Section

19

Reference letter No. SAI/441/1/71, dated 14th January, 71, regarding proposed visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Saigon.

826-SAD/71
25/1

2. The subject matter is being handled in E.A. Division and the reference quoted in the F.R. is also of E.A. Div. The F.R. is, therefore, based on it then for taking necessary action.

3. E.A. Div. may kindly inform C.G. Saigon that the subject matter is being handled by them.

D. 413 / Coord / 71
28/1

~~Quinones~~
Section Officer (COORD)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.
23-1-71

E.A. Div

~~42/1~~
28/1

D.S. may please see - A letter from one mission in Saigon regarding arrangement to be made in connection with the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission. We may send a copy to MHA for onward transmission to the Commission.

103-SS/71
29/1

521-SS(D)/71
28-1-71

~~D.S. (SA)~~

M.H.
28/1

M(S)

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EA (DW)

D. 1741-823/71

D. 1855-643/71

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The letter referred to in F.R. is at slip 'A'. We may await reply from our Mission, in U.S.A, USSR & U.K. before any further action is taken.

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26/2

I believe we haven't received replies from other embassies. Pl. put up the file again on 2.3.71

~~US(J)~~

EA (AW)

telupol
26/2

D. 2166-EAD/71

Since then we have received a reply from our Embassy in Moscow, which is at Sl. No 94. The Embassy has not been able to show any new light in the matter.
submitted.

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2/3

~~US(J)~~

DS may please see FRs. at Sl. No. 93-94/c, replies to his letter at flag 'A'.

We may await replies from Washington and London before any further action is taken.

telupol

US(J)
2-3-1971

DS(EA)

M remind Washington and London. 9/3.

Pl. put draft reminder to Washington & London

EA (AW)

DFA is submitted.

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4/3

1053/DS(EA)

248-US(J)

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telupol
10/3

telupol
US(J)
11/3

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The letters at slip 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' may kindly be seen. In their connection the note at p.13/ante may also be seen.

W
17/3

US(J)

Ref. F.R.

DS may please ^{see} noting on p.13/n ante with reference to his marginal noting on flag 'D'.

Since we have not received any further information from Islamabad regarding the desire of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to record the oral evidence of Col. Rehman. We may send a reminder to our High Commission in Islamabad.

tehran
US(J)
16-3-1971

DS(EA)

*Yupl Army
W/J 17/3*

Ref. FR.

DS may please see the FR with reference to the above noting.

Our High Commission at Islamabad now informs us that Mr. Rahman "is of the opinion that no purpose would be served by going to Delhi or by the visit of the Enquiry Commission to Pakistan". We may inform the MHA accordingly.

tehran
US(J)
18-3-1971

DS(EA)

discussed with D.S. we may inform MHA

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*12487 DS(EA)
17/3*

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SL no 101-101
 SL no 102
 D. 2042-EXD/71
 D. 2077-EXD/71
 D. 2099-EXD/71

submitted.

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23/3

I have checked to ~~Dr.~~ ^{US(J)} telephoned 29/3

D. 3222-EXD/71 - SL no 106
 submitted. This is in reply
 to our letter at SL no 86 and telex message
 at SL no 102.

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27/3

US(J)

D.S. may please see FR.
Should we inform M4D?

~~D.S. (84)~~

D.S. has seen it.

telephoned
27/3

Ministry of External Affairs
(E.A. Division).

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We had addressed our Missions in USA, UK, USSR and Japan to obtain reports/material on the disappearance of Netaji in view of the points raised by Mr. Basu in his letter of Nov. 1970 addressed to the Prime Minister. (Flag 'A').

The following replies have been received:

Tokyo: They have repeated the information conveyed earlier in their letters dated 29 December, 1967 and 27 October, 1970, which was that Netaji did not figure in the list of war criminals. (This information has already been passed on to MHA- flag 'B').

Moscow: The Mission states that in view of the entry made against the name of Netaji in the Great Soviet Encyclopaedia, i.e. Netaji died during "an air crash in 1945, they consider that" it would be of no use to approach the Soviet Government for material on his alleged disappearance" (flag 'C').

A London: No information (flag 'D')

Washington: No information available (flag E) They are continuing further enquiries.

We had asked information by Telex from our Missions in London and Washington as we had anticipated a Parliament Question.

DS/Director may please see for information.

B / we may inform MHA.

Teleprint
US(J)
27-3-1971

DS(EA)

"A" - A letter from *Mr. Hissman* London has been received today. M put up. *29/3*

Director(EA)

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Handwritten notes:
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1573/DS(EA)
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1955-NDA
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D. 3351-174711-11-11-11-11

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Handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, including what appears to be a signature and some initials.

The replies received from various museums regarding material on Netaji to be obtained from the local jobs, do not seem to have been conveyed to MHA, with us(s) please examine and speak urgently.

ASB
14/5

us(s)

- SL no 106 - - - - - 188/100
- D. 3926- EAD/71 - - - - - 100
- SL no 110 - - - - - 188/100
- D. 4027- EAD/71 - - - - - 111
- D. 5147- EAD/71 - - - - - 112
- D. 5244- EAD/71 - - - - - 113 (EX)

On file pl.

Sd. A.K. Das
22.5.71 3 9

Sd. S.K. Upad
25.5.71.

We have already conveyed to MHA our no objection with visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Indo-china, Thailand, Singapore, Burma and Hongkong vide our letter at SL no 48 (slip E). In this connection the notes at HQ 5 to 6/N may kindly be seen.

Submitted.

2697-DSLEA)
265

US(s)
DS(EA)

(u) Kuala Lumpur is a new name in the east. we should have no objection to these slip that visits. 25/5.

I have discussed with Mr. N. Paggi, us(s). They have no objection to the Commission's visit to Penang and K. L. . M. mine M.

ASB
20/6

us(s)

- D. 6236- EAD/71 - - - - - 114
- D. 6722- EAD/71 - - - - - 115

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Sd. S.K. Luppal
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The letter referred to in F.R is at slip 'A'. Netaji Inquiry Commission has requested us to take up the matter about Netaji with our High Commission in London so that they can inquire from U.K. Govt about whereabouts of Netaji
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The letter referred to in F.R is at slip 'B'.

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The F.R. is a reply to an ^{issue} ~~enquiry~~ raised by D.S. in his letter (slip "B"). D.S. had asked M.H. A to expedite matters about Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Rangoon. F.R says that since their visit to Rangoon has been cleared from all angles. No action is required on our part.

D.S. (E.A.)

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- D. 8992 - EAD/71 — SL. no 125
- D. 9755 - EAD/71 — SL. no 126
- D. 9588 - EAD/71 — SL. no 127
- D. 10022 - EAD/71 — SL. no 128
- SL. no 129 — Issued
- D. 10145 - EAD/71 — SL. no 130
- D. 10059 - EAD/71 — SL. no 131
- D. 10337 - EAD/71 — SL. no 132
- D. 10338 - EAD/71 — SL. no 133
- D. 10242 - EAD/71 — SL. no 134
- D. 10835 - EAD/71 — SL. no 135

The letters referred to in F.R are at slip 'A' + 'B'. Our C.G in Saigon has requested to approach Indian delegation to JCSC, Saigon for necessary assistance in transport, Reporters, Type writers, Liaison office etc. The Netaji Inquire Commission is due to visit Saigon on 7.11.71 vide annexure I of the letter at slip 'A'. In view of this, we may request our delegation to JCSC, Saigon for necessary assistance. Submitted.

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US(I) Pl. issue letter below.

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- SL. no 136 — Issued
- D. 10911 - EAD/71 — SL. no 137
- D. 10444 - EAD/71 — SL. no 138
- SL. no 139 — Issued
- D. 11493 - EAD/71 — SL. no 140
- SL. no 141 — Issued
- D. 11534 - EAD/71 — SL. no 142
- D. 12532 - EAD/71 — SL. no 143
- SL. no 144 — Issued

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

Subject:- Fresh probe into disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry.

As the Ministry of External Affairs are perhaps already aware, the Cabinet has decided that a Supreme Court or High Court Judge may be appointed as a one man Commission of Inquiry for making a fresh inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945.

2. It is proposed to issue a notification regarding the appointment of the Commission of Inquiry, also detailing therein the terms of reference of the Commission. A copy of the draft notification is forwarded herewith. The Ministry of External Affairs are requested to offer their advice in the matter.

3. This may please be treated as Most Immediate.

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(R. Kuppurao)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri V.V. Paranjape, Director (EA)).
MHA U.O. No. 25/13/70-Poll-II. Dated *W* -3-1970.

Secy (E) has seen. We have no objection to the notification.

W. V. Paranjape
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(East Asia Division)

Subject:- Fresh probe into disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry.

The Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their U.O.No.25/13/70-Poll.II, dated the 18th March,1970 on the above subject. This Ministry has no objection to the notification. The Draft Notification is returned herewith.

T. Cherpoot

(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (Japan)
Ministry of External Affairs
Telephone No. 373100

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R. Kuppurao, Under Secretary) New Delhi.
M.E.A.U.O.No. C/551/3/70-JP, dated the 20th March, 1970.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.

Subject:- Fresh probe into the disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose- Terms of
reference of the Commission of Inquiry.
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The Ministry of External Affairs may please refer to their u.o.NO. C/551/3/70-JP dated the 20th March, 1970 regarding the draft notification containing the terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry to be appointed for making a fresh probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The Ministry of Law, who were shown the draft notification, have made some changes in the same. A copy of the draft notification, as revised by the Ministry of Law, is sent herewith for comments.

3. This may please be treated as 'Immediate'.

R. Kuppurao
(R. KUPPURAO)
UNDER SECRETARY

M.E.A. (East Asia Division) (Shri T. Cherpoor, U.S.)
M.H.A. u.o.NO. 25/13/70-POLL-II dated:- 13-4-1970

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Sub: Fresh probe into the disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Terms of
reference of the Commission of Inquiry.

The Ministry of Home Affairs may
please refer to their u.o. No.25/13/70-PoLL-II,
dated 13 April, 1970, on the above subject.
This Ministry has no objection to the proposed
notification. The draft notification is returned
herewith.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (J)
(Tel.373100)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Kuppurao, US)
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New Delhi-1.
25th March 1970

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JOINT SECRETARY

Dear Miss Muthamma,

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were in the SA. Division
Could Dir (SA) please
See that the needful
is done and Correspond
discrete with Muth.

I had spoken to you about the old records pertaining to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee, etc. I am writing to you only to remind you that it would be useful if your Ministry were to take in hand the preparation of an index of all the relevant files and also locate all such files at one place. Any fresh Commission of Inquiry appointed in this behalf would want to consult the old records.

Mangal Singh
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Dir (SA) Reviewing
M. make a list
of all files available
with us.

Asst. Secy. to Govt.
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M. speak with the files. immediately
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Yours sincerely,

(T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan)

Miss C.B. Muthamma,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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Manjit Singh,
Director(Coord.)

the 28th March 1970.

D.O.No. 876 JS(AMS)/70.

Dear Shri Srinivasavaradan,

I write to acknowledge your D.O. Letter No.25/17/70-Poll.II dated 25th March 1970 to Miss Muthamma, who is, at present, on leave.

The papers relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in this Ministry are in the EA Division. I am, therefore, passing this letter to Shri V.V. Paranjpe, Director (EA) for necessary action. I suggest you might correspond further with him on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Manjit Singh)

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI-1.

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V. K. Kapoor
Deputy Secretary

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New Delhi-1,

July 17, 1970.

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Dear Shri Paranjpe,

Please refer to Shri Srinivasavaradan's d.o. letter No.25/17/70-Poll.II, dated March 25, 1970 to Miss Muthamma which was passed on to you (cf:Manjit Singh's d.o. No.876-JS(AMS)/70, dated March 28, 1970) regarding the files containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee, etc. Shri G. D. Khosla, retired Chief Justice of Punjab High Court, has since been appointed as the one-man Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945. We shall be grateful if all the relevant files in your Ministry are sent to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

V.K. Kapoor

(V. K. Kapoor)

Shri V. V. Paranjpe,
Director (EA).,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Reference Ministry of Home Affairs D.O. NO.
25/17/70-Poll-II, dated the 17th July, 1970
regarding the files in respect of Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose and to forward herewith the relevant
files in the matter together with the list of files
in duplicate. The files may kindly be returned
as soon as the action is completed.

It is requested that one copy of the lists may
kindly be returned to this Ministry duly being
signed.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri V.K. Kapoor, D.S.-Poll.II)
MEA UO NO. C/551/8/70-JP, dated the 1st August, 1970

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List of files in respect of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Poll-II section. 36 (9)

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- 14. C/125/5/69-JP Short Notice Qn. No. 456 & 515 by Shri B.K. Daschudhury & Shri Samar Guha regarding the statement made by an ex-Military personnel of Calcutta Police as reported in 'Juganter' that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose disappeared by a Sub-marine from Singapore and not by any aircraft Govt.'s reaction thereto - asking Govt. to report in the matter after enquiry - Assurance given in the Lok Sabha. -Notes pp. 1-7
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Corr. pp. 1-16

- 16. C/125/18/69-JP (Secret) Resolution in Lok Sabha tabled by Shri Beroy Krishna Daschaudhrury case for instituting an enquiry Commission about the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Note. pp. 1-3
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- ✓ 18. F.24(20)-EA/56 Netaji Enquiry Committee - Dissentient Report Submitted by Shri S.C. Bose. Notes. pp
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- 19. A copy of the report of Netaji Enquiry Committee (Printed).

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi,
Dated the 3 August, 1970.

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Dear Shri Paranjpe,

Please refer to Shri Kapoor's d.o. of even number dated the 17th July, 1970, regarding files containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee etc. We shall be grateful if these files are sent to this Ministry at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani
(T.R. AGNANI) 1/8

Shri V.V. Paranjpe,
Director(E.A.)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
Poll.II Section

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Reference Ministry of External Affairs' U.O. No. C.551/8/70-JP. dated the 1st August, 1970, regarding the files in respect of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. One copy of the list of files received in this Ministry for oneman Commission of Enquiry on Netaji disappearance duly signed, is returned herewith, as desired. Certain inaccuracies which were found regarding pages etc. of files mentioned against items 10, 11 and 18, have been corrected with ink.

Sd/- T.R. Agnani.
Under Secretary.

M.E.A. (T. Cherpoot, Under Secretary)
M.H.A.U.O. NO. 25/17/70-Poll.II, dated.

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Corr. PP 1-208
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Recd. above
 Subscribed
 578170.
 P.S. Chairman
 Netaji Enquiry Commission

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi,

Dated the 13 August, 1970.



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Dear Shri Cherpoot,

Please refer to your Ministry n.o. No.C/551/8/70-J.P., dated the 1st August, 1970 forwarding certain files connected with the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee. The Chairman, Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's Disappearance would also like to see the record of evidence recorded during the course of inquiry conducted by the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee. We shall, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly make available your Ministry's file(s) containing these papers.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
(East Asia Division)
New Delhi.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/17/70-Poll-II, dated the 13 August, 1970, regarding files connected with the Shah Nawaz inquiry Committee and to forward the following two files the receipt of which may kindly be acknowledged.

1. Netaji Inquiry Committee Report Part 'A' - pp-104 and Annexure I, II & III and also the list of witnesses examined by the Committee.
2. Netaji Inquiry Committee Report -Part 'B' Evidence of witnesses - pp.115.

Yours sincerely

(T. Cherpoot)

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary(Poll.II),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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UNDER SECRETARY

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New Delhi-1, dt. -8-70

Dear Shri Das,

Please refer to the Commission's U.O.NO. 1/1/70-NIC, dated the 11th August, 1970, regarding the files connected with the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee. I send herewith the following two files obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs .

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1. Netaji Inquiry Committee Report Part 'A' -pp.104 & Annexure I, II & III and also the list of witnesses examined by the Committee.
2. Netaji Inquiry Committee Report- Part 'B' -Evidence of witnesses- pp-415.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani
(T.R. AGNANI)

Shri D.K. Das,
Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission,
Reserve Bank Building, Room NO 2, 2nd Floor,
New Delhi.

✓ Copy to MEA (Shri T. Cherpoor, Under Secy.-J) w.r. to his d.o. NO. C/551/8/70 -JP, dated the 19th August, 1970.

T.R. Agnani
(T.R. AGNANI)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE
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Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,

New Delhi-1, dt. 5-9-70

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to
Japan and other places outside India for
inquiry-

The undersigned is directed to send herewith
a copy of U.O. Note NO. 8/1/70-NIC, dt. 31-8-70, from
the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, on the above
subject and to request that the advice of the Ministry of
External Affairs on the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan
and other places outside India for the purpose of inquiry may
kindly be communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

W/S
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T.R. Agnani

(T.R. AGNANI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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To

The M.E.A. (East Asia Division)

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NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

Sub:- Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan and other places for Inquiry.

For the purpose of inquiry the Commission has to visit various places in Japan, Indo-China, Thailand(Siam), Singapore, Burma, Hong Kong and Formosa and the Chairman proposes to cover these countries in course of two separate trips for the sake of convenience and in the interest of proper conducting of the inquiry. The first visit will cover only Japan and the duration of stay in that country will be about three weeks. For this purpose the Commission will like to reach Tokyo around the 15th of November, 1970, and after finishing inquiry in Japan will like to return to India near about the 7th of December, 1970.

2. In the second lap of journey, sometime in early 1971, the Commission will cover Formosa and the rest of the countries mentioned above.

3. The party will consist of only three officials (i) Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, Chairman, (ii) Secretary- Shri D.K. Das (pay Rs. 1360/- plus special pay Rs. 300/- and other allowances) and (iii) one personal Assistant (Grade II Stenographer in the scale of Rs. 210-530).

4. It is, therefore, requested that necessary sanction of the Government for these visits be obtained and necessary formalities regarding the budget allotments, passport and passages etc. be completed expeditiously.

Sd/- D.K. Das
Secretary.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R. Vasudevan, DS-POLL-II)
Netaji Inquiry Commission u.o. NO. 8/1/70-NIC dt. 31.8.70

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the difficulty of our
approaching the Taiwan
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Taiwan port such
our Commission in
Hong Kong could probably
speak in favour of
the Taiwan Council
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Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission10201/EPD/70
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By. No. 5709/87
Date 31/8/70
Secy. (East) (47)Second Floor,
Reserve Bank Building,
Parliament Street,
NEW DELHI-1
August 31, 1970.

To

The Foreign Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

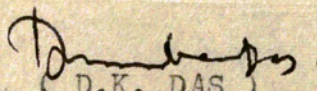
You are probably aware of the fact that the Government of India has recently appointed a one-man Commission to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, formerly Chief Justice of the Punjab High Court, has been appointed as the one-man Commission. I enclose a copy of the Government Notification for ready reference.

2. An Inquiry Committee presided over by Shri Shah Nawaz in 1956 submitted its report regarding the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. This report was subjected to a great deal of public criticism both in and out of Parliament, and one of the main grounds of attack was that the Committee had not visited the scene of the accident in which Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was alleged to have sustained fatal injuries. Owing to the international political situation which obtained in 1956, it was deemed inadvisable by your Ministry to allow the Committee to visit Formosa. We are advised that conditions have now changed considerably for the better and that the Government of Formosa is not likely to raise any objection to this Commission visiting Formosa to inspecting the scene of the occurrence and to record evidence on the spot. I may perhaps mention that among others Shri Dahyabhai Vallabhbai Patel, M.P., who claims to have paid several visits to Taiwan, saw the Chairman of the Commission and told him that the Taiwan Government would readily help the Commission in conducting the necessary Inquiry at the spot. The Chairman feels that it is absolutely necessary in the interest of justice and to arrive at the truth of the matter, to pay a visit to Formosa, even though a great deal of time has elapsed since 1945. Such visit is likely to be most useful both in the matter of obtaining evidence and in obverting criticism of its ultimate findings.

3. I am, therefore, writing to request you to let us know as early as possible whether our Foreign Office can make the necessary arrangements for the visit of the Commission to Formosa which will include seeing

the spot where the aeroplane in which Netaji Subash Chandra Bose is alleged to have travelled crashed and also to hear the oral testimony of witnesses.

Yours faithfully,


D.K. DAS
SECRETARY.

Encls:

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

भारत सरकार

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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Subject:-Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. of even number dated the 5th September 1970 on the above subject and to request that the advice of the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter may please be expedited.

Sd/-T.R.AGNANI
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

To

The M.E.A. (East Asia Division -
Shri T.Cherpoot, Under Secretary(J)
New Delhi.

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Section Officer,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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A.K. Das
Deputy Secretary(EA)

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No. C/551/8/70-20

October 3, 1970

Dear Mr. Commissioner,

I enclose a copy of the letter No. 8/1/70-NIC dated 31st August, 1970, from Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, addressed to the Foreign Secretary.

2. In inviting your attention to para 3 of the letter, we would request you to arrange for suitable assistance to the Inquiry Commission to enable it to visit Taiwan for the purpose of the inquiry. No doubt, all precautions would be taken to ensure that the Commission of India's or Govt. of India's association with the matter does not attract any publicity.

3. This was discussed with you by Secretary(E) during your visit to Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,

A.K. Das
(A.K. Das)

Shri V. Siddharthecharry
Commissioner of India
Hong Kong

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(East Asia Division)

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Ref. enclosed letter dated 31/8/1970
from Shri I.B. Saxena, Editor, "Vishwa Neta",
Shahdra, Delhi, to the President of India,
copy endorsed to this Ministry.

Since the subject matter of the letter
relates to Netaji Enquiry Commission, Ministry
of Home Affairs may kindly take over the letter
for necessary action.

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Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
MEA u.o. No. 10501/10077-80-9-70.

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Sub: Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan
for inquiry. --

Ref. Ministry of Home Affairs' O.M. No.25/36/70-Pol.II
dated 5.9.1970, on the above subject.

This Ministry have no objection to the visit of
Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri T.R. Agnani) - vs (P.L.V)
MEA u.o. No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 5-10-70

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Ref. F.R. from Ministry of Home Affairs regarding Netaji Bose Enquiry Commission.

MHA want us to make comments on the points raised in sub-paras 2,3,4 & 5 of para.3 by the Chairman of the Commission.

The following comments may be offered:

Re. sub-para 2.

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We have no information whether Netaji's name was in the list of war criminals. Our enquiries from our Missions in The Hague, New York and Tokyo reveal that no document or evidence was available supporting alleged arrest, prosecution or conviction of Netaji as a war criminal.

Re. sub-para 3&4 (of para.2)

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We are not in a position to ^{make} any comments.

Re. sub-para.5

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We may write to our Embassy in Tokyo, since we have no information on this.

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US(J)
25-9-1970

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Discussed with Director - Please
return the file to MHA w/ same
letter to our Embassy in Tokyo. 3/10.

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(East Asia Division)
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Ref. MHA u.o. No.22/25/70.Pol.II
dated 23.9.70, above.

Re. sub.paras 1&2

Enquiries from our Missions in The Hague, New York(WN) and Tokyo reveal that no document or evidence was available supporting alleged arrest, prosecution or conviction of Netaji as a war criminal.

Re.sub paras 3&4

We are not in a position to offer any comments.

Re. Sub-para 5

We are writing to our Embassy in Tokyo for obtaining the requisite information. The reply when received will be passed on to MHA.

(Signature)
(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No.C.551/8/70-JP

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My dear

We will be grateful if you could collect information on whether there was any list of war criminals maintained apart from the list which was placed before the International Court which held its sittings in Japan. The information is required by Netaji Enquiry Commission and we should be grateful if the requisite information is sent to us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

Shri S.K. Uppal,
Second Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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No. C/551/8/70-SP

2 November, 1970.

Dear Mission,

We are forwarding herewith for your information and necessary action, a copy each of three d.o. letters bearing No.3/3/70-NIC, and the same date, 27-10-1970, received from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, all of which are self-explanatory. One of the letters has an enclosure of 31 witnesses, whom the Commission would like to examine during their visit to Tokyo.

It is requested that your views in regard to the arrangements required to be made in connection with the Commission's visit to Tokyo may kindly be communicated to us immediately particularly in regard to the stenographic assistance to be made available to the Commission.

Yours ever

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The Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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DS may please see MHA u.c. No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated 30-10-70, placed below, regarding the Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Japan.

The Commission, besides requesting us to forward the list of the 31 witnesses, has also asked us to request our Embassy to make certain other arrangements which may please be seen at flag 'a'.

One of the arrangements, inter alia, required to be made is to make the services of four PAs available to the Commission from the staff of the Indian Embassy at Tokyo for recording the proceedings of the Enquiry Commission.

At present, I believe, there are 5 India-based PAs. If four PAs are to be attached to the Commission, it can paralyse the working of the Embassy during the Commission's visit.

In any case, I suggest that we may send a copy of this letter to our Embassy for their necessary action.

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I have written to our Embassy forwarding a copy each of the letter and requesting them to send us their views immediately

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Ministry of External Affairs,
(E.A. Division)

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Placed below is a letter from the Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission, forwarding a list of the 31 witnesses whom the Commission would like to examine during their visit to Tokyo in Nov. 1970, with a request that the list of the witnesses may be forwarded to our Embassy in Tokyo to make enquiries about the present addresses and whereabouts and also to ascertain whether these witnesses will have any objection to appear before the Commission in November-December, 1970, in Tokyo or any other suitable place in Japan.

We may forward this letter with the enclosure to our Embassy in Tokyo for necessary action.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Placed below is copy of a letter from Shri M.L. Sondhi, MP, addressed to the President, regarding Netaji Enquiry Commission.

He has suggested that Government should: a) request the Governments of US and Japan to release from their respective archives all the secret files in connection with Netaji's death; and b) take concrete steps to undo the verdict of the Tokyo trial.

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Since this concerns the Netaji Enquiry Commission and the fact that a copy of it has already been sent to MHA, I believe, no action is required to be taken from our side.

As a matter of fact, Shri Sondhi has already tabled a Parliament Question on this subject, particularly in regard to his suggestion at (b) above.

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Disputed case. Should (EA). This may be referred to MHA for disposal.

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I have written to MHA requesting them to take
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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

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नई दिल्ली-११, October 22, 1970.
New Delhi-11, the

A copy of a letter dated October 15, 1970 addressed to the President by Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P., together with a copy of the covering letter from the President's Secretariat, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is forwarded herewith for such action as is considered appropriate.

V.P. Marwaha
(V.P. Marwaha) 22/10/70
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister.

(Separate copies) Ministry of Home Affairs
Ministry of External Affairs
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Joint Secretary to the President of India
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi-4-

No.5150-/170

October 17, 1970. (59)

Dear Shri Haksar,

I send herewith copy of a letter which the
President has received from Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P.
This may kindly be brought to the notice of the
Prime Minister.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(P.N.Krishna Mani)

Shri P.N.Haksar,
Secretary to the Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

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Ministry of Home Affairs may please see a copy of a letter to the President from Mr. M.L. Sondhi M.P. received from the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

As this concerns the Netaji Enquiry Commission, MHA may like to take necessary action.

(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Agnani)
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Ministry of External Affairs
East Asia Division

The note at p 11/ent may kindly be seen with reference to the letter at SL. no 1 from the Secretary to the Netaji Inquiry Commission. We may also confirm the presumption of the Secretary Netaji Inquiry Commission if there is no objection. Our file on the subject is placed below.

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PIHA want our views on whether Govt should give any evidence before the Khosla Committee. Pps indicate that no Govt witness appeared before the Shah Nawaz Committee.

Sd. V. C. Khanna
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DS(EA) Director (EA) may refer to F.R. PIHA's²⁵ findings overleaf, and the list of witnesses examined by the Shah Nawaz Committee at 'By P'.

We have to advise PIHA whether or not the Central Govt has any evidence to offer before the Khosla Commission. There is no indication that any evidence was tendered on behalf of the Govt to the Shah Nawaz Committee.

Sd. A. K. Das
19.10.70.

~~Director (EA)~~

Discussed with Dir. He wants the file to be resubmitted on Sec (E)'s return.

Sd. V. C. Khanna
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Re submitted. Secretary (East) is due to return from tour on 31.10.70

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FR deals with the question whether or not the Central Government has any evidence to offer before the Khosla Commission.

There is no indication, in the records, that any evidence was tendered before the Shahnawaz Commission on behalf of the Government.

As desired by Director, the file is resubmitted Secretary (E) is due to return from tour on 31st Oct.70.

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Director(EA)

We might inform MHA that the Central Govt do not wish to present any evidence to the Commission. Our files on the subject have already been forwarded to them.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi-11, the 11th July, 1970.

NOTIFICATION

S.O. 2375 WHEREAS the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956, to inquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an aircraft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith, had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

AND WHEREAS there is a widespread feeling amongst the public that the problem of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

AND WHEREAS there has been a persistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into a definite matter of public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri G. D. Khosla, Retired Chief Justice of the Punjab High Court, as sole member.

2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith and make its report to the Central Government. The Commission will be expected to complete its inquiry and make its report by the 31st December, 1970.

3. The Central Government is of opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section (2), sub-section (3), sub-section (4) and sub-section (5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government hereby directs under sub-section (1) of the said section 5 that all the provisions aforesaid shall apply to the said Commission.

To
Manager,
Govt. of India
Press, New Delhi.

Sd/- T. C. A. SRINIVASAVARADAN
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of
India.



S.K. Uppal
Second Secretary

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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November 6, 1970.

My dear Cherpoot,

Please refer to your letter No.C551/8/70-JP dated the 27th October, 1970 about the lists of war criminals prepared after the Second World War. We have obtained information on the subject from the Justice Ministry of Japan. There are two lists - called B and C lists - besides the list (called A list) of war criminals that was placed before the tribunal of the International Court in Tokyo. The war criminals in the B and C lists were mostly tried outside Japan, in the Philippines, Singapore etc. The Justice Ministry has the complete B and C lists. They are very voluminous. Any specific enquiry can be referred to the Ministry.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

S.K. Uppal

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary (J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

SECRET

A.K. DAS
Deputy Secretary(EA)
D.O.No.C/551/8/70-JP.

November 12, 1970.

Subject:- Proposed Visit of Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Taiwan.

My dear Agnani,

As you are aware the Netaji Enquiry Commission proposes to visit Taiwan amongst other places. We are looking into the matter.

2. Meanwhile it would be useful to have some idea of the kind of information that the authorities in Taipei should collect. The Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission, had mentioned that the Commission proposed to visit the spot where the aeroplane carrying Netaji was alleged to have crashed and also to hear the oral testimony of witnesses. In this connection would it be possible to convey specific details in regard to the place of the alleged accident, the date of accident and any other relevant facts. If the Commission is interested in any other information, the nature and details of the same might also be communicated.

3. Would it be possible to let us know at this stage when the Commission would like to visit Taiwan, assuming of course the visit materialises.

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. DAS)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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COMMISSIONER
TELEGRAMS: "COMIND" HONGKONG
TEL. No. 770635



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COMMISSION OF INDIA
TOWER COURT, HYSAN AVENUE
HONG KONG

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20th October 1970

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Pl. obtain information on A + B + inform the Comm.

My dear Secretary,

You will recall having discussed with me in Delhi the assistance that might be given to Justice G.D.Khosla in investigating in Taiwan matters connected with the accident in which Netaji Subash Chandra Bose is alleged to have met his death. I have been able to make the necessary contact here and I rather feel that we can obtain results sufficiently discreetly.

2. My contact here will be able to help us discreetly and effectively to enable Justice Khosla to meet the right people in Taipeh. We would like, however, to have some idea of the kind of information that the authorities in Taipeh should collect. Specific details such as are already obtainable regarding the place of the alleged accident, its date etc. would be useful. Furthermore, it is essential to know some weeks beforehand when Justice G.D.Khosla would be reaching Hong Kong to move on to Taiwan. There will be no hitch regarding his obtaining permission to enter Taiwan for the purpose. I can move ahead once this information is in hand.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(V.Siddharthacharry)

Shri S.K.Banerji,
Secretary(E),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

P.S. Apropos this matter I have also seen, upon my return here, DS(E)'s d.o.letter No.C/551/8/70 dated the 3rd October 1970.

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T. Cherpoot
Under Secretary(J)

No.C-551/8/70-JP

16 November, 1970

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to M.E.A. Office Memorandum No.25/36/70-Pol.II, dated 5.9.1970, and this Ministry's u.o. of even number, dated 5.10.1970, regarding the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India.

This Ministry has no objection to the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, Burma and Hong Kong.

It would be appreciated if this Ministry is informed well in advance of the itinerary of the visit of the Commission to various places abroad and of the arrangements to be made by the concerned Missions.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Sub: Visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to
Japan and other places outside India.

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Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their u.o. No.22/25/70-Pol.II, dated 23.9.70, and this Ministry's u.o. note of even number, dated 3.10.1970, on the above subject.

We are informed by our Embassy in Tokyo that, according to the information received by them from the Justice Ministry of Japan, there are two lists called 'B' and 'C' lists, besides the list (called 'A' list) of war criminals that was placed before the Tribunal of the International Court in Tokyo. The war criminals mentioned in the lists 'B' & 'C' were mostly tried outside Japan, in the Philippines, Singapore, etc. The lists 'B' and 'C', which are very voluminous, are available with the Justice Ministry of Japan.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

Ministry of Home Affairs(Shri T.R. Agnani-US(Pol.II))
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Netaji Inquiry Commission
Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-1.

D.O. NO. 8/1/70-NIC

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My dear Agnani,

Please refer to your D.O. No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated 19th November, 1970 with which you have sent a copy of d.o. letter No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 12th November, 1970 from Shri A.K. Das, Deputy Secretary (FA) Ministry of External Affairs, regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan (Formosa).

2. Our original reference (copy enclosed for reference) proposing a visit to Formosa in connection with the inquiry entrusted to this Commission was addressed to the Foreign Secretary on 31.8.1970. After nearly two months and a half the Ministry of External Affairs have now asked for certain information. In our original reference we had given reasons why it is imperative for the Commission to pay a visit to Formosa.

3. All of us know that according to the story given out in 1945, Netaji was alleged to have been injured in an alleged air crash at or near TAIHOKU (now Taipei) airport in Formosa on 18.8.1945. He is supposed to have succumbed to his injuries in a Hospital in Formosa after a few hours of the alleged air crash. The Netaji Inquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan could not visit Formosa in 1956 when they submitted their report confirming the death of Netaji in the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945.

4. This Commission considers it imperative to pay a visit to Formosa, inspect the site and see the topography of that area and test the authenticity of certain photographs of the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945, which had been relied upon by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and which have been questioned by various witnesses who have appeared before this Commission in the course of its last few sessions.

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5. Moreover, several M.Ps (Shri Dahyabhai Patel, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta, Shri Samar Guha, Shri Amiya Bose and Shri H.V. Kamath have since suggested that witnesses are available in Formosa who possess valuable information regarding the disappearance of Netaji on 18.8.1945. It has also been suggested that valuable documents relating to those days, which will help the Commission to arrive at the truth of Netaji's disappearance, are likely to be available from official and non-official sources in Formosa.

6. In view of these reasons the Ministry of External Affairs may be requested to give their decision regarding our proposed visit immediately. Any delay in this matter will only delay the findings of the Commission.

With compliments,

Yours sincerely,

sd/-

(D.K. DAS)

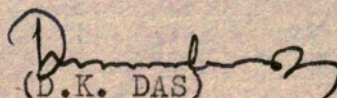
Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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NO.8/1/70-NIC

NOVEMBER 24, 1970.

Copy to Shri A.K. Das, Deputy Secretary (FA), Ministry of External Affairs, with a copy of our original reference dated 31.8.1970. It is suggested that in view of the urgency of the matter the decision of the Ministry of External Affairs should be communicated to the Commission without further delay.


(D.K. DAS)

Secretary
NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION(1970)

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From
Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission.

Second Floor,
Reserve Bank Building,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi-1.
August 31, 1970.

To
The Foreign Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

You are probably aware of the fact that the Government of India has recently appointed a one-man Commission to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Mr. Justice G.D.Khosla, formerly Chief Justice of the Punjab High Court, has been appointed as the one-man Commission. I enclose a copy of the Government Notification for ready reference.

2. An enquiry Committee presided over by Shri Shah Nawaz in 1956 submitted its report regarding the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. This report was subjected to a great deal of public criticism both in and out of Parliament, and one of the main grounds of attack was that the Committee had not visited the scene of the accident in which Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was alleged to have sustained fatal injuries. Owing to the international political situation which obtained in 1956, it was deemed inadvisable by your Ministry to allow the Committee to visit Formosa. We are advised that conditions have now changed considerably for the better and that the Government of Formosa is not likely to raise any objection to this Commission visiting Formosa to inspecting the scene of the occurrence and to record evidence on the spot. I may perhaps mention that among others Shri Dahyabhai Vallabhbai Patel, M.P., who claims to have paid several visits to Taiwan, saw the Chairman of the Commission and told him that the Taiwan Government would readily help the Commission in conducting the necessary Inquiry at the spot. The Chairman feels that it is absolutely necessary in the interest of justice and to arrive at the truth of the matter, to pay a visit to Formosa, even though a great deal of time has elapsed since 1945. Such visit is likely to be most useful both in the matter of obtaining evidence and in obverting criticism of its ultimate findings.

3. I am, therefore, writing to request you to let us know as early as possible whether our Foreign Office can make the necessary arrangements for the visit of the Commission to Formosa which will include seeing the spot where the aeroplane in which Netaji Subash Chandra Bose is alleged to have travelled crashed and also to hear the oral testimony of witnesses.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.D.K.Das
Secretary

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

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November 12, 1970.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 2nd November, 1970, regarding Netaji Inquiry Commission. Our views in regard to the arrangements required to be made in connection with the Commission's visit to Tokyo as mentioned in Shri Das's d.o. letter No.3/3/70-NIC, dated 27.10.70 are as follows seriatim:-

- (1) Accommodation: This will be arranged by the Embassy.
- (2) Transport: The Chairman and Secretary of the Commission would be received at the airport on arrival and seen off on departure. It would, however, not be possible to spare a staff car of the Embassy to be placed at their disposal during their stay here. The Embassy has only two staff cars and these are insufficient even for the normal use of the Embassy. Besides, a number of official delegations are always coming here from India and even this puts a great strain on our only two staff cars. It would be desirable, therefore, to hire out a limousine for the use of the Commission for the duration of their stay here and for this the Commission should bring necessary funds.
- (3) Office Accommodation: This will be provided by us in the Chancery building.
- (4) Reporters (Stenographers) and Interpreters: As it is this Mission is very short of P.A.s and Stenographers and as such it would not be possible to spare any from the establishment of the Embassy for the use of the Commission or for attachment with the Chairman of the Commission. It would be desirable, therefore, that the Commission brings with it all the required P.A.s and Reporters (Stenographers). In any case, there is no Reporter with this Mission.
- The Embassy would be able to provide only one good Interpreter in Japanese for use by the Commission and as such if two Interpreters in Japanese are required the Commission should bring at least one Interpreter with them or authorise us to recruit one locally for the purpose.
- (5) Other arrangements: The Embassy will make other arrangements like office stationery, typewriter, messengers, etc. for the use of the Commission.

(6) Liaison Officer: The Embassy would be able to designate a Japanese-knowing Officer of this Mission as the Liaison

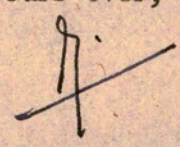
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2. As regards the list of witnesses to be examined by the Commission in Japan, we are trying to trace them and informally ascertain their willingness to appear before the Commission. If the Commission is a statutory body it would be necessary for the Commission to write directly to the Ambassador authorising him to act on its behalf as then only would it be possible for this Mission to approach the witnesses formally.

Yours ever,



The Ministry of External Affairs,
(Att: Shri V. C. Khanna, Under Secretary),
New Delhi.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No.C-551/8/70-JP

19 November, 1970

Dear Mr. Agnani,

→ see no. 16.

Please refer to your letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated 21 September, 1970. regarding the visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan, etc.

I had made a reference to our Embassy in Tokyo regarding the various arrangements desired to be made in Shri Das's d.o. letter No.3/3/70-NIC, dated 27.10.1970, in connection with the visit of the Commission to Tokyo. A copy of Embassy's reply to our letter is enclosed herewith for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary(Poll.II),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Embassy of India,
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No.C(J)/415/70

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Yours ever

The Ministry of External Affairs
(Att. Shri V.C. Khanna, US)
New Delhi.

T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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C.551/8/70-JP

25 November, 1970

My dear

Please refer to your letter No.SS/70, dated 6 November, 1970, wherein you said that the Justice Ministry of Japan has got the lists of war criminals including the lists 'B' and 'C'.

In fact what we are interested to find out is whether the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is included in any of these lists. I would therefore be grateful if you could find this out and let us know at the earliest.

Yours sincerely

(T. Cherpoot)

Shri S.K. Uppal,
Second Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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A.K. DAS
Deputy Secretary(EA)
D.O.No.C/551/8/70-JP

December 3, 1970.

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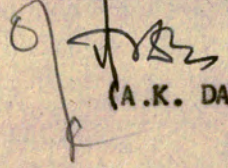
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Dear Mr. Commissioner,

Please refer to your letter No.COM/1/70 dated the 20th October, 1970, addressed to Secretary(East) seeking certain information in regard to the proposed visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Taiwan. In this connection an extract from a letter received from the Netaji Inquiry Commission is enclosed.

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Yours sincerely,


(A.K. DAS)

Shri V. Siddharthacharry,
Commissioner of India,
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Extract from D.O. letter No.8/1/70-NIC dated 24.11.1970 from Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission to Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and a copy to M.E.A.

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All of us know that according to the story given out in 1945, Netaji was alleged to have been injured in an alleged air crash at or near TAIHOKU (now Taipei) airport in Formosa on 18.8.1945. He is supposed to have succumbed to his injuries in a Hospital in Formosa after a few hours of the alleged air crash. The Netaji Inquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan could not visit Formosa in 1956 when they submitted their report confirming the death of Netaji in the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945.

This Commission considers it imperative to pay a visit to Formosa, inspect the site and see the topography of that area and test the authenticity of certain photographs of the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945, which had been relied upon by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and which have been questioned by various witnesses who have appeared before this Commission in the course of its last few sessions.

Moreover, several M.Ps have since suggested that witnesses are available in Formosa who possess valuable information regarding the disappearance of Netaji on 18.8.1945. It has also been suggested that valuable documents relating to those days which will help the Commission to arrive at the truth of Netaji's disappearance, are likely to be available from official and non-official sources in Formosa.

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi,
November, 1970.

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My dear Cherpoot,

I am desired to enclose a copy of d.o. letter No.4/18/70-NIC., dated the 27th November, 1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission about recording the oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rehman(formerly of the I.N.A.) who is at present reported to be in Pakistan. We shall be grateful for advice and assistance of the MEA in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani
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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(Japan)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Copy of d.o. letter No.4/18/70-NIC., dated the 27th November, 1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi to Shri T.R. Agnani, Uder Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

The Commission will like to record the oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman, one of the witnesses examined by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee in New Delhi from the 6th to the 9th April, 1956. As you may be aware, Col. Habibur Rahman was a senior officer of the I.N.A., Deputy Chief of Staff, a Member of the Provisional Govt. and of the War Council. He is the officer reported to have been chosen by Netaji to accompany him on the flight on the 18th August 1945 when the plane was reported to have crashed, Col. Rahman being one of the survivors. As such Col. Rahman is a very important witness to be examined by the Commission. At the time he was examined by the Shah Nawaz Committee he was an officer of the Central Administrative Service of Pakistan. He is probably still in Pakistan though his present address is not known to us.

2. The next session of the Commission to record oral evidence will be held in New Delhi on the 23rd, 24th, 28th to 31st December, 1970. It is requested that Col. Habibur Rahman may be contacted through the Ministry of External Affairs and his convenience ascertained. If Col. Rahman finds it convenient to come to Delhi to give evidence during this period the Ministry of External Affairs may also be requested to make all necessary travel and 'permit' arrangements. All expenditure in connection with his travel and stay has to be borne by the Commission.

3. If, however, Col. Habibur Rahman is not in a position to come to New Delhi, the Commission will hold a session in Pakistan to examine him towards the end of February, 1971.

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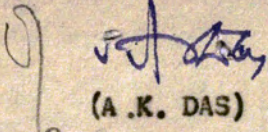
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December 7, 1970.

Enclosed please find a copy of D.O. letter No.4/18/70-NIC dated the 27th November,1970, from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi. We would be grateful if the High Commission could make necessary enquiries and inform us whether Col.Habibur Rahman could make it convenient to come to Delhi to give evidence before the Netaji Inquiry Commission. Alternatively we would like to know if it would be possible for the Netaji Inquiry Commission to visit Pakistan to record the oral evidence of Col.Habibur Rahman.

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Yours sincerely


(A.K. DAS)

Shri A.S. Chib,
Deputy High Commissioner of India,
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Copy of D.O. letter No.4/18/70-NIC, dated the 27th November, 1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi, to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

C-551/8/70-JP

9 December, 1970.

Dear Shri Agnani,

Further to our u.o. note of even number , dated 17th November, 1970, regarding the list of war criminals.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter No.SS/70 dated 4-12-1970, received from our Embassy in Tokyo, for your information. The information may also please be passed on to the Khosla Commission.

Yours sincerely

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary(Poll.II)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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S.K. Uppal
Second Secretary

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Embassy of India in Japan
Tokyo.

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4 December, 1970

My dear Cherpoort,

Please refer to your letter No.C.551/8/70-JP dated the 25th November, 1970, about whether Netaji's name is included in any list of war criminals. We have checked it up with the Justice Ministry and Netaji's name is not there in any of the three lists the Ministry maintains.

Yours sincerely

Sd- S.K. Uppal

Shri T. Cherpoort,
Under Secretary(J),
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.



T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

D.O.No.25/36/70-poll.II(8)

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New Delhi,
Dated the 10 December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Das,

I am desired to refer to my d.o.
letter of even number dated the 7th
December, 1970 and to say that the Secretary
to the Commission has indicated that the
Commission would like to visit Taiwan and
other countries in the East(except Japan)
towards the end of April or beginning of
May, 1971.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary(EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Under Secretary.

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New Delhi,
Dated the 18 December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Cherpoot,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.C-551/8/70-JP., dated the 16th November, 1970, regarding the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India. In this connection I enclose a copy of d.o. letter No.3/7/70-NIC., dated the 15th December, 1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, intimating the tentative dates of the visits of the Commission to countries outside India, and the arrangements to be made in that connection. We shall be grateful if we are informed of the arrangements made at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Copy of d.o. letter No.3/7/70-NIC., dated the 15th December, 1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission New Delhi, to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Please refer to your D.O. No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated the 10th December, 1970 regarding the Commission's visit to Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, Burma and Hong Kong.

2. Early in 1971 the Commission will like to pay a visit to Japan and come back after recording the evidence of witnesses there. Thereafter either towards the end of April or beginning of May 1971 the Commission will like to visit Taiwan(Taihoku-Taipeh), Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong and a few places in Burma. The Commission has not yet drawn up the list of witnesses to be examined at these places. This will be done after the return of the Commission from Japan.

3. However, so far as facilities to be provided to the Commission by our Missions at these places are concerned, the details are given below:-

(1) Accommodation: Accommodation on the approved scale may be arranged for the Chairman and Secretary and one P.A. The Chairman ranks in Sl.No. 21 of the Table of Precedence as a retired Chief Justice of a High Court.

(2) Transport: The Chairman and Secretary should be received at the airport on arrival and seen off on departure. A car may be placed at their disposal during their stay. In case, due to old age or any other reason some witness(es) is/are not in a position to proceed to the Headquarters of the Commission, arrangements may have to be made for the visit of the Commission and their stay etc. at the place where the witness is to be examined.

(3) Sittings of the Commission: A good-size room (where the Commission can sit to conduct the examination of witnesses, suitably furnished) together with a retiring room for the Chairman may be arranged.

(4) Reporters(Stenographers) and Interpreters: To record verbatim the proceedings before the Commission at least two good stenographers from the staff of the Embassy may be arranged. Two good interpreters to translate local language into English will also be required. In view of the nature of the proceedings before the Commission the Stenographers and the reporters should be competent Indians on the establishment of the Embassy.

(5) Other arrangements: As regards other arrangements - like office stationery, typewriters, messengers etc. it is presumed that the Embassy will cater to these requirements.

(6) Liaison Officer: An officer of appropriate rank in the Embassy knowing the local language may be designated as the Liaison Officer with the Commission to look after their day to day needs. The list of witnesses will be sent separately

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and the Liaison Officer will be expected to take appropriate steps to ensure their appearance before the Commission according to the programme drawn by it.

Our Embassies in the respective countries may please be addressed for necessary action.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(E.A. Division)

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Placed below is a letter from Ministry of Home Affairs in connection with Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Japan regarding the arrangements to be made by our Embassy in Tokyo.

A | We may forward a copy of this letter to our Embassy for taking necessary action with reference to paras. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the letter. *and request them to write directly to MHA with a copy endorsed to us.*

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

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New Delhi,
Dated the December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Cherpoot,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.C-551/8/70-JP dated the 19th November, 1970, regarding the arrangements to be made in connection with the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan. The matter has been further examined in consultation with the Commission. The Commission now feel that it may be possible for them to manage their work if one good P.A.-cum-Stenographer is provided to them during their stay in Japan. If any further assistance is needed, recruitment of Stenographers locally through the Embassy can be considered, at the appropriate time, in Japan.

2. In view of the short duration of the Commission's visit to Japan, our Embassy in Tokyo may kindly be requested to attach one competent P.A.-cum-Stenographer from their staff with the Chairman of the Commission. This would obviate the necessity of the Commission taking a P.A.-cum-Stenographer from India, which is normally objected to by the Ministry of Finance.

3. The Commission also agree that one Japanese Interpreter which the Embassy can spare will meet their requirements.

4. During the Commission's stay in Tokyo, etc. they would require one limousine either on the basis of the whole period of their stay, which is likely to be three weeks, or on a daily basis as is more advantageous. Our Embassy may be requested to indicate the estimated expenditure involved so that the Commission carry with them the necessary funds.

5. As regards procedure for summoning of the witnesses, the Commission has been appointed under section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952. Under the Act, the Commission can issue summonses to witnesses in India and also issue summonses for production of documents and allow counsel to appear on behalf of the witnesses. As, however, the Commission has no such powers over persons residing outside the country, it may be suggested to the Embassy that an officer of appropriate status there may send letters requesting the witnesses to appear before the Commission to

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Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

C-551/8/70JP/70

19 December, 1970

Dear Embassy,

Please refer to your letter No.C(J)/415/70,
dated 12 November, 1970, regarding the arrangements required
to be made in connection with the Netaji Enquiry Commission's
visit to Tokyo.

We are forwarding herewith a copy of letter d.o.
No. 25/35-70-Poll.II, dated 6 December, 1970, from the Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, in this connection, for
necessary action.

Further communication, in this connection, may
kindly be done directly with the Ministry of Home Affairs,
under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours ever

MINISTRY

The Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

Copy forwarded to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under
Secretary(Poll.II), Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi, for information.

Under Secretary(J)

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

D.O.No.25/35-70-Poll.II

Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.

6 December, 1970.

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Yours sincerely

Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(j),
MEA, New Delhi.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Poll. II Section)

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Subject: - Netaji Inquiry Commission - Letter from Shri K.L.Gupta, M.P. to Prime Minister regarding Commission's visit to Formosa-

Will the Ministry of External Affairs kindly refer to this Ministry's U.O.No. 25/45/70- Poll-II dated the 10th November, 1970 on the subject noted above and expedite the disposal and return of our file?

T.R. Agnani

(T.R. Agnani)
Section Officer.

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A. K. Das, Dy Sec. (EA)

Min. of External Affairs (Shri T. Charpot, U.S. Japan)
M.H.A. U.O.No. 25/45/70- Poll-II, dated the 16 December, 1970.

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My dear Cherpoot,

Please refer to your letter No.C.551/8/70-JP dated the 25th November, 1970 about whether Netaji's name is included in any list of war criminals. We have checked it up with the Justice Ministry and Netaji's name is not there in any of the three lists the Ministry maintains.

yours sincerely,

S.K. Uppal

(S. K. Uppal)

Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary (J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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N. Dayal
Second Secretary

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD

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No. ISL (POL) 501/2/68.

December 19, 1970.

Dear Shri Das,

Please refer to your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 7th December, asking us to make enquiries whether Col. Rahman can go to Delhi and give evidence before the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. I showed your letter to the High Commissioner. It was considered best to route our enquiries through the Pakistan Foreign Office. Accordingly, we have sent a formal note, a copy of which I enclose. In this note we have deliberately not given too many details of Col. Rahman's past associations with Netaji.

3. I hope to convey to you Pak Government's response to our proposals shortly. Prima facie, however, it does seem doubtful if Col. Rahman would be able to make it to Delhi for the next (December) session of the Enquiry Commission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary (EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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The High Commission for India in Pakistan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan, and has the honour to state that the next session of the Netaji Subhash Bose Inquiry Commission to record oral evidences is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on the 23rd, 24th and 28th to 31st December, 1970. In this connection, the Inquiry Commission has desired to record the oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman, who, amongst others, was examined by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee in New Delhi in April, 1956. As the Ministry is aware, Col. Habibur Rahman was a close associate of Netaji Bose and accordingly, the Inquiry Commission considers him to be a very important witness.

2. The High Commission would like to invite Col. Rahman to Delhi to give evidence before the Inquiry Commission. All expenditure in connection with his travel and stay in New Delhi will be borne by the Inquiry Commission. In case Col. Rahman is not in a position to visit Delhi, the High Commission would be grateful if the Ministry could allow the Inquiry Commission to visit Pakistan sometime towards the end of February 1971, to record the oral evidence of Col. Rahman.

3. The High Commission for India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of Pakistan,
ISLAMABAD.

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A.K. Das
Deputy Secretary(EA)

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D.O.No. ~~1557~~ C/551/8720-JP December 22, 1970

This is to acknowledge
your letter No. ISL(Pol)501/
2/68 dated December 19, 1970.

2. Please let us know as
soon as you hear from Pakistan
Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

A.K. Das
(A.K. Das)

Shri N. Dayal
Second Secretary
High Commission of India
Islamabad

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
New Delhi

No. C/551/8/70-JP

29 December, 1970.

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Dear Mission,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of letter No.3/7/70-NIC, dated 15 December, 1970, from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi, to the Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding the proposed visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Bangkok, Singapore, ^{Rangoon} Hongkong and Saigon towards the end of April or beginning of May 1971, and the arrangements to be made during the Commission's stay there. The detailed programme of the Commission would be communicated in due course.

We should be grateful if you could kindly confirm the arrangements at a very early date.

Yours ever

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The Embassy of India, Bangkok.

The Embassy of India, Burma (Rangoon)

The High Commission of India, Singapore.

The Commission of India, Hongkong,

The Consulate General of India, Saigon

Copy for information forwarded to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary(Poll.II), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

2 Under Secretary(Japan)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
New Delhi.

No.C/551/8/70-JP

29 December, 1970.

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The Consulate General of India, Saigon.

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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary(J)

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D.O.No.25/17/70-Poll.II

By special Messenger



T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
गृह मन्त्रालय
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi,
Dated the 22nd December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Cherpoot,

I am desired to enclose a copy of d.o. No.4/11/70-NIC., dated the 19th December, 1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, which is self-explanatory. We shall be grateful if the report referred to therein is made available for the perusal of the Commission, preferably by evening today.

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Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(Japan),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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discussed with D.S. The file referred to are
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Accordingly.

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Copy of d.o. letter No.4/11/70-NIC., dated the 19th December, 1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi to Shri R. Vasudevan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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During the recording of the oral evidence of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan in Delhi on the 16th October, 1970 it came to the notice of the Commission that many secret reports and files containing intelligence reports and other documents were made available to the Committee headed by him which went into the question of Netaji's disappearance and submitted its report in 1956. A reference was made particularly by one of the Counsel to 'Allied Secret Report No.10/Misc/INA which inter alia referred to a public statement of Mahatma Gandhi in January (1946?) about Netaji being alive and Shri Nehru receiving a letter from Netaji saying he was in Russia and so on. This has also been quoted in the Dissenting Report of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, a Member of the Shah Nawaz Committee.

2. The Commission ^{has} recalled Shri Nawaz Khan for cross-examination during its next session in Delhi from the 23rd to the 31st December, 1970. As there has been demand from more than one quarter for a perusal of this report, the Commission will like to have the original of the report in question before the 23rd December, 1970.

With compliments,

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

No.C.551/8/70-JP

30 December, 1970.

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/17/70-Poll.II, dated 22 December, 1970, regarding secret reports and files containing intelligence reports etc. which were made available to the Shah Nawaz Commission.

The files/reports referred to in the letter from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission's letter belonged to and are still with the Army Headquarters who may please be contacted.

Yours sincerely

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary(Poll.II)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi,

Dated the December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Das,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.C/551/8/70-JP., dated the 12th/16th November, 1970 regarding the proposed visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Taiwan. I enclose a copy of letter received from the Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission on this subject. I am desired to request that the decision of your Ministry may be expedited.

2. As regards the timing of the Commission's proposed visit to Taiwan we shall write to you again after ascertaining the information from the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani
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(T.R. AGNANI)

Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary(EA)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy of d.o. letter No.24.11.1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission(1970), New Delhi to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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Please refer to your D.O.No.25/36/70-Poll.II, dated 19th November, 1970 with which you have sent a copy of d.o. letter No.C/551/8/70-JP. dated 12th November, 1970 from Shri A.K. Das, Deputy Secretary(FA), Ministry of External Affairs, regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan(Formosa).

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2. Our original reference(copy enclosed for reference) proposing a visit to Formosa in connection with the inquiry entrusted to this Commission was addressed to the Foreign Secretary on 31.8.1970. After nearly two months and a half the Ministry of External Affairs have now asked for certain information. In our original reference we had given reasons why it is imperative for the Commission to pay a visit to Formosa.

3. All of us know that according to the story given out in 1945, Netaji was alleged to have been injured in an alleged air crash at or near Taihoku(now Taipeh) airport in Formosa on 18.8.1945. He is supposed to have succumbed to his injuries in a Hospital in Formosa after a few hours of the alleged air crash. The Netaji Inquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan could not visit Formosa in 1956 when they submitted their report confirming the death of Netaji in the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945.

4. This Commission considers it imperative to pay a visit to Formosa, inspect the site and see the topography of that area and test the authenticity of certain photographs of the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945, which had been relied upon by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and which have been questioned by various witnesses who have appeared before this Commission in the course of its last few sessions.

5. Moreover, several M.Ps(Shri Dahyabhai Patel, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta, Shri Samar Guha, Shri Amiya Bose and Shri H.V. Kamath have since suggested that witnesses are available in Formosa who possess valuable information regarding the disappearance of Netaji on 18.8.1945. It has also been suggested that valuable documents relating to those days, which will help the Commission to arrive at the truth of Netaji's disappearance, are likely to be available from official and non-official sources in Formosa.

6. In view of these reasons the Ministry of External Affairs may be requested to give their decision regarding our proposed visit immediately. Any delay in this matter will only delay the findings of the Commission.

With compliments,



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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi,
Dated the December, 1970.

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My dear Chernpoot,

Please refer to my d.o. of even number dated the 30th November, 1970, regarding arrangements requested by the Secretary, N.I.C. for recording oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman. We shall be grateful for an early reply in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Chernpoot,
Under Secretary(Japan),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

C/551/8/70-JP

8 January, 1971.

Dear Shri Dayal,

Please refer to Shri A.K. Das's letter of even number, dated 7 December, 1970, in connection with the recording of oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rehman, addressed to the Deputy High Commissioner and his subsequent letter of even number dated 22 December, 1970, to you.

We shall be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely

(T. Cherpoot)

Shri N. Dayal,
Second Secretary,
High Commission of India,
Islamabad.

Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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Copy forwarded to Shri T.R. Agnani, US(Poll.II), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, for information, with reference to his d.o. letter No.25/52/70-Poll.II, dated 2 January, 1971. A further communication will follow as soon as a reply from our High Commission in Islamabad is received.

Under Secretary(J)

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Subject:- Netaji Inquiry Commission- Letter
from Shri K.L. Gupta, M.P. to
Prime Minister - regarding Commission's
visit to Formosa -

Will the Ministry of External Affairs
kindly refer to this Ministry's U.O. of even
number, dated the 10th November, 1970 and subsequent
reminder dated the 16th December, 1970, on the
above subject and expedite the disposal and return
of our file?

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Sd/- T.R. Aganani
Under Secretary

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Vimla S. Jhangiani
(VIMLA S. JHANGIANI)
Section Officer.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri A.K. Das D.S. (EA))
M.H.A. U.O. NO.25/45/70-Poll.II, Dated: 8 JAN 1971

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Placed below is a letter from Ministry of Home Affairs enclosing a copy of the letter from the Netaji Enquiry Commission wherein they have requested us to give files regarding the Shah Nawaz Committee.

Besides the relevant files which we have already supplied to them, we still have some files dealing with the correspondence with witnesses etc, which, also, we may hand over to the MHA for onward transmission to NEC. *flag A*

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi,
Dated the 26 December, 1970.

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Dear Shri Cherpoot,

I am desired to enclose a copy of d.o. letter No.4/2/70-NIC., dated the 22nd December, 1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, which is self-explanatory. We shall be grateful if the relevant files are made available to us for transmission to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(Japan),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Copy of d.o. letter No.4/2/70-NIC., dated the 22nd December, 1970 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, New Delhi to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

The Commission will like to have for reference the following documents relating to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee (1956) under the Ministry of External Affairs:

(1) All files of the office of the Shah Nawaz Committee containing the statements received by them, their tours, documents called for and consulted by them and other documents placed by the Ministry of External Affairs or other sources like Army Headquarters, Intelligence Bureau before that Committee pertaining to Netaji's disappearance:

(2) Files of the Ministry of External Affairs of that period, 1955 & 1956 dealing with the Shah Nawaz Committee, the documents called for by them, etc.

2. It will be appreciated if these files could be sent to us very urgently.

With compliments,

- 1) Report from the Japanese Government 1956 (Secul)
- 2) Miscellaneous Correspondence of the Committee "1
- 3) Correspondence with witnesses
- 4) Evidence
- 5) witnesses examined in Bangkok from 28th - 30th April and in Saigon from 1st May 1956.
- 6) F-24 (43) - EA/58 - Information about Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's confinement in Mandelbay Jail requiring Dr. S. N. A. H.

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T. Cherpoet,
Under Secretary(J)

No. C/551/8/70-JP

14 January, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/17/70-Poll.
II, dated 26 December, 1970.

I am enclosing herewith the following files
in connection with the Netaji Enquiry Commission,

1. Report from the Japanese Government-1956(Secret).
2. Miscellaneous correspondence of the Committee.
3. Correspondence with witnesses.
4. Evidence.
5. Witnesses examined in Bangkok from 28-30
April and from 1st May 1956 in Saigon.
6. F.24(43)-EA/58 - Information about Netaji's
confinement in Mandalay Jail.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoet)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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TEL. NO. 770635



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COMMISSION OF INDIA
TOWER COURT, HYSAN AVENUE
HONG KONG

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11th January 1971

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My dear

Pai Hsien Sheng
Namaste.

Thank you for your letter No.118-DEA/71 dated the 8th January 1971, which I have just received. I have indeed been trying to avoid Chang Kuo Sin and the only reason why I had to contact him apropos the Bose Commission was because, when I had mentioned how I would do it otherwise, it was felt better that the most informal would be the best. ^{Course} The original Taiwan representatives here had been transferred and the new people were not yet known to us even indirectly. I am happy, however, that you have now given me the name of Mrs. Aw Sian and Mr. Pok.

2. I might mention also that in view of Chang Kuo Sin appearing to manage to get the green signal for the Bose Commission he does seem to have some vague pull in Taiwan.
3. I shall have Mr. Pok contacted if I possibly can to resuscitate the visit of the Bose Commission to Taiwan.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V.Siddharthachary)

Shri V.V.Paranjpe,
Director(EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No. C/551/8/70-JP

January 14, 1971

Thank you for your letter No. COM/1/70 dated 11th January, 1971. Additionally, I might suggest that you could try to approach the proper Taiwan person for this through Stephen Chou. As you are already aware, Stephen is a very good friend of all of us and a good friend of India. You can trust him with discretion. He also knows Miss Aw Sien extremely well and he would do the needful for you.

Yours sincerely,

(V.V. Paranjpe)

Shri V. Siddharthacharry
 Commissioner of India
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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi,
Dated the January, 1971.

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Dear Shri Das,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.4/2/70-NIC., dated the 22nd December, 1970, regarding documents etc. relating to Shah Nawaz Committee. The following files received from the Ministry of External Affairs are sent herewith. Please acknowledge their receipt.

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3. Correspondence with witnesses
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Yours sincerely,

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(T.R. AGNANI)

Shri D.K. Das,
Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission,
Reserve Bank Building(2nd Floor)
Parliament Street,
New Delhi.

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Copy to Shri T. Chernoot, Under Secretary(J), Min. of External Affairs, New Delhi, for information, w.r. to his d.o.NO. C/551/8/70-JP dated the 14th Jan, 1971.

T.R. Agnani

(T.R. AGNANI)

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January 15, 1971.

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No. 105/6/70

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to Shri T.R. Agnani's d.o. letter No.25/35-70-Poll.II dated 6th December, 1970 to Shri T. Cherpoot, regarding the arrangements required to be made in connection with the Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Tokyo.

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We will arrange to attach one PA-cum-Stenographer from our staff with the Chairman of the Commission during the Commission's visit to Japan.

The rates for hiring of limousine in Tokyo are the same whether the hiring is done on daily basis or for a longer period of say three weeks. The daily hiring charges for a limousine are ₹ 1000 per hour plus ₹ 180 per km., i.e., if the

limousine is hired say for 10 hours in a day and is used for 100 kms. the charges will be ₹ 28,000 for that single day. If it is hired for lesser number of hours and is actually used for lesser mileage charges will be proportionately lower.

As suggested by you an Officer of appropriate status will send letters to the witnesses requesting them to appear before the Commission to tender evidence and produce documents, if any, in their possession. This will be done as and when a final list of witnesses is communicated to us. We would, however, like to point out that witnesses who stay outside Tokyo and who may have to come to Tokyo to give their evidence will have to be paid TA by the Commission for their travel as also their stay in Tokyo. The amount of expenditure that will be required on this account cannot, however, be estimated at this stage.

We would request you to let us have the itinerary of the Commission's visit to Tokyo as much in advance as possible as some of the witnesses may not be able to appear before the Commission unless they are given adequate notice.

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We have been trying to locate the various witnesses the Commission desired to examine at Tokyo as per the list enclosed vide Shri D.K. Das's d.o. letter No.3/3/70-NIC dated October 27, 1970 to Shri T.R. Agnani. It was noticed that hardly any of them were traceable at the 1956 address as mentioned in the said list. In some cases those addresses do not even exist now as the various towns and cities have developed and new wards have come into existence. We had, however, contacted Lt.Genl.Fujiwara (Retd.) who was the Lt. Col. in the Imperial Japanese Army during the last War and was closely associated with Netaji. Lt. Genl. Fujiwara has been very helpful to us in locating the whereabouts of these witnesses and of the 31 witnesses as per the list sent by Shri D.K. Das to Shri T.R. Agnani, we have traced the present addresses of 23, have not been able to trace the present whereabouts of 7 while one of the witnesses is now definitely known to be dead. We enclose herewith in Appendix 'A' the same list of 31 witnesses that the Commission desired to examine at Tokyo and have shown in the said list the present correct addresses of as many of the witnesses as have been traced.

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While we had requested Lt. Col. Fujiwara (Retd.) for his cooperation and help in tracing these witnesses he suggested to us that besides these 31 witnesses there were, in his opinion, some others too who might be able to throw some light on the last days of Netaji as these people too were said to be closely associated with Netaji. Lt. Genl. Fujiwara has given us a list of witnesses, who, in his opinion, may be examined by the Commission and this list of suggested witnesses is enclosed at Appendix 'B'. It is noticed that of the 33 names suggested by Lt. Genl. Fujiwara (Retd.) 21 are identical with the list of witnesses that the Commission had already desired to examine at Tokyo as per Shri Das's list to Shri Agnani dated October 27, 1970. These 21 names which are common to the two lists have been indicated in the second list at Appendix 'B' by showing asterisk against their names. This list suggested by Lt. Col. Fujiwara (Retd.) is being sent by us to you as it may be of interest to the Commission.

Regarding Shri Narain Das and Col. J.G. Figges mentioned in Shri D.K.Das's d.o. No.3/3/70-NIC, dated October 27, 1970 to Shri Agnani, there is no information available with us regarding the whereabouts of Shri Narain Das. As regards the other gentleman his present address, as ascertained from the British Embassy in Tokyo, is as follows:-

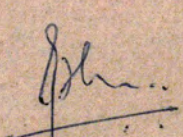
Sir John Figges,
The Manor House,
Burghfield,
Reading (Berkshire)
U.K.

Yours ever,

Sd/-

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary),
New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri V. C. Khanna, Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi,
for information with reference to
MEA letter No.C/551/8/70-JP, dt. 19.12.70.


(S. E. Joshi)
Counsellor.

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120List of witnesses that the Netaji Enquiry Commission 1970
desires to examine at Tokyo.

Name	Address in 1970
1. Mr. Teruo Hachiya	4-11 Seijo, Setagaya-Ku Tokyo (Tel:483-0705)
2. Mr. Keikichi Arai	
3. Ex-Lt.General Saburo Isoda,Manbamachi, Tanogun Gunma-pref.	Manba-machi, Tano-gun, Gunma-pref.
4. Mr.J. Murti	760,Asagaya 1-Chome, Suginamiku-Tokyo
5. Ex.Lt.Col.Shiro Nonogaki	5-5 Okuzawa, Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo
6. Mr.Kinji Watanabe	644 Akai-cho, Nara-shi Nara-pref.
7. Dr. T.Tsuruta	173 Furukawa, Tsu-shi Mie-pref.
8. Mr. Sato-Kazo	
9. Major Taro Kono	3-10-1 Hachiman, Ichikawa-shi,Chiba
10.Col.Sugiya Miyata	
11.Major Takahashi Idaho (Iwao)	7-5-19 Jushi,Jushi-shi Kanagawa-pref. (Tel:584-2311)
12.Col.Muraji Yano	
13.Mr.Masaharu Kinoshita	
14.Lt.Col.Morie Takakura	3-21 Edifuka-Gho Suginami-Ku, Tokyo
15.Mr.Tatsuo Hayashida	3-21-28 Hariyoshi-Gho, Fukuoka-shi,Fukuoka-pref. (Tel:0278-2-5334) or 092-77-7328.

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16. Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi 338 Takajo-machi,
Kitamorokata-Gun,
Miyazaki-pref.
(Tel:098-658-2335)
17. Mr. Satyandranath Sen
18. Ex. Lt. Col. Shibuya Masanari 43 Oura, Sanbongi-cho,
Shida-Gun, Miyagi-pref.
19. Ex-Capt. Makato Nakamura 25 Yamanoue-machi,
(now Makato Yamamoto) Ohmuta-shi, Fukuoka-pref.
20. Mrs. Yamamoto " "
21. Ex. Major Kenichi Sakai 4 Miho, Furukawa-aza,
Aomori-shi, Aomori-pref.
22. Mr. Kazuo Mitsui 15 Nishihatake-machi,
Wakamatsu-Ku, Kita-Kyusho-shi,
Fukuoka.
23. Mr. Juichi Nakamura Dead
24. Rev. Kyohei Mochizuki Renkoji, 2-150,
Koenji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo.
25. Ex-General Haruki Isayama 8-5 Seijo, Setagaya-ku,
Tokyo (Tel:483-1546)
26. Rev. Hotta Hidemaru
27. Mr. M. Miyoshi 36 Satsuki-Cho,
Fukushima-shi, Fukushima-pref.
28. Ex-Major S. Nagatomo 2828 Nakamura-Cho,
Miyazaki-shi, Miyazaki-pref.
29. Mr. Naokichi Kitazawa 3-59 Sasazuka, Shibuya-Ku,
Tokyo (Tel:377-3808)
30. Mr. Koji Asada 2-2826 Hon-cho,
Kokubunji-Shi, Tokyo
31. Mrs. Tojo w/o late Gen. Tojo She did not appear before the Shah Nawaz
Khan Committee.

LIST OF WITNESSES SUGGESTED BY LT. GENERAL FUJIWARA

Name	Address	Remarks
<u>G.H.Q. FORMOSAN ARMY, TAIPEI</u>		
*1. Haruki ISAYAMA	8-5, Seijo, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo (Tel: 483-1546)	ex-Maj-Gen. Chief of the General Staff, 1945
2. Sugiya MIYATA		ex Colonel. Air staff officer. Visited hospital on 19th or 20th Aug, 45 after the crash.
*3. Masanari SHIBUYA	43 Oura, Sanbongi-cho, Shida-Gun, Miyagi-pref.	ex-Lt-Col. Air staff officer in charge of aerial operation.
4. Shigetaka SUGIURA	5-3-17 Minamirinkan, Yamato-Cho, Kanagawa-pref. (Tel: 584-2311 ext. 377)	ex-Lt-Col. Staff officer (Intelligence)
5. Koji TAKAMIYA	1882 Takahashiba-Cho, Numata-shi, Gurma-pref. (Tel: 0278-2-5334)	ex-Lt-Col. M.P. was with Netaji at his last moment.
*6. S. NAGATOMO	2828 Nakamura-Cho, Miyazaki-shi, Miyazaki-pref.	ex-Major 2nd Adjutant
*7. Kenichi SAKAI	4 Miho, Furukawa-aza, Aomori-shi, Aomori-pref.	ex-Major. Battalion comm. Aerodrome Defence Force Taipei.
*8. Makoto NAKAMURA (now M. YAMAMOTO)	25 Yamanoue-machi, Ohmuta-shi, Fukuoka-pref.	ex-Capt. In charge of Taipei Aerodrome, Aug. 45.
*9. Mrs. Nakamura	" "	Clerk, Communication Bureau, Taipei Aerodrome.
*10. Tatsuo HAYASHIDA	3-21-28 Hariyoshi-Cho, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka-pref. (Tel: 0278-2-5334) or 092-77-7328.	ex-Lt. Attached to Administra- tion section. Carried two boxes to Tokyo on 5-9-1945.
11. Kazo SATO		Grade I soldier in 136 Air Unit, Taipei (Saw Netaji coming out of the plane after the accident, all right and standing erect)
12. Tadashi ANDO	1-4-9 Nakaikegami, Ohta-Ku, Tokyo (Tel: 751-8576)	ex-Major. Rear staff officer in charge of communication.

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SURVIVORS OF THE PLANE CRASH

- *13. Shiro NONOGAKI 5-5 Okuzawa,
Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo. Staff officer of No.7th Air
Division. ex-Lt-Col. Was the
Flight captain of the crashed
plane, type 97 heavy bomber.
- *14. Tadao SAKAI 6-9-17 Miyamoto-cho,
Funabashi-shi, Chiba. ex-Lt-Col. Operation staff
(Tel:0474-22-5160) officer, 15th Army.
- *15. Iwao TAKAHASHI 7-5-19 Jushi, Jushishi,
Kanagawa-pref. ex-Major. Staff officer of
(Tel:584-2311) 15th Army.
- *16. Taro KONO 3-10-1 Hachiman,
Ichikawa-shi, Chiba ex-Major. No.7th Air division,
Staff officer.
- 17. Keikichi Arai ex-Captain. Officer of Tsukasa
2793 Unit

OFFICERS AND MEN OF NANMON MILITARY HOSPITAL, TAIPEI

- *18. Dr. Taneyoshi YOSHIMI 338 Takajo-machi,
Kitamorokata-Gun,
Miyazaki-pref
(Tel:098-658-2335) ex-Surgeon-Captain. Was in
charge of the said hospital
- *19. Dr. T. TSURUTA 173 Furukawa, Tsu-shi,
Mie-pref. ex-Army-surgeon attached to the
said hospital. Was with Netaji
at his last moment.
- 20. Yoshio ISHII 10-2 Minami-Yama-Buki-cho,
Shinjuku-ku,
Tokyo (Tel:268-8731) ex-Surgeon 2nd Lt. Attached to
GHQ, Formosan Army, Taipei
- *21. Kazuo MITSUI 15 Nishihatake-machi,
Wakamatsu-Ku, Kita-
Kyushu-shi, Fukuoka. Medical orderly attached to
Nanmon Military Hospital.
- *22. M. MIYOSHI 36 Satsuki-Cho,
Fukushima-shi, Fukushima
pref. " "

HIKARI KIKAN

- *23. Saburo ISODA Manba-machi, Tano-gun,
Gunma-pref. ex-Lt-General, Chief of Hikari
Kikan. Saw Netaji off at Saigon
on the eve of July 1st, 1945.
- *24. Kinji WATANABE 644 Akai-cho, Nara-shi,
Nara-pref. Interpreter of the Kikan.
Was in Bangkok on Aug. 16'45.

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*25. Morio TAKAKURA	3-21 Eifuku-Cho, Suginami-Ku, Tokyo	ex-Lt-Col. Staff officer Political Branch of I.G.H.Q. August 1945.
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26. Masaharu KINOSHITA		ex Major. Staff officer, I.G.H.Q. August 1945.
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OTHERS

*27. Teruo HACHIYA	4-11 Seijo, Setagaya-Ku Tokyo (Tel: 483-0705)	Minister to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind (Went with Netaji upto Saigon on August 16, 1945.
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*28. Naokichi KITAZAWA	3-59 Sasazuka, Shibuya-Ku Tokyo (Tel: 377-3808)	Counsellor of Japanese Embassy at Rangoon till April 1945. Now a member of Diet (Liberal- Democratic Party)
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29. Rev. Hidemaru HOTTA		Priest of Higashi-Honganji Temple at Taipei, 1945.
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*30. Koji ASADA	2-2826 Hon-cho, Kokubunji-Shi, Tokyo	Diplomatic Attache to the Govt of Burma.
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*31. Rev. Kyohei MOCHIJUKE	Renkoji, 2-150, Koenji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo.	Received Netaji's ashes on September 18, 1945.
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32. Iwaichi FUJIWARA	Mitoko-Building 3 fl, 6-2-4 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo (Tel: 582-3835 584-3939)	ex-Lt-Col. Chief of Fujiwara Kikan
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33. Goro NAKAMIYA		Ex-Captain Member of Fujiwara Kikan.
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Note: * These individuals are identical with those included in the list of witnesses to be examined by the Netaji Enquiry Commission 1970 at Tokyo.

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N. Dayal
Second Secretary

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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
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January 22, 1971.

No. ISL(POL)501/2/68.

Dear Shri Cherpoot,

Please refer to your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP of the 8th January regarding the desire of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to record the oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman.

2. I raised this matter today with Mr. Abul Hassan, Director (India) in the Foreign Office and asked him whether now that the December session of the Inquiry Commission was over, would the Pak Government allow the Commission to visit Pakistan to interview Col. Rahman. Hassan replied that no decision had yet been taken. Col. (now a Brigadier) had so far been away on leave and the Foreign Office would first wish to ascertain the sort of evidence he would give. Hassan hoped, however, to answer us "shortly".

3. I informally asked Hassan whether there could be any objection on the part of Pakistan Government to Brig. Rahman recording evidence. Hassan was cagey and replied that this was a delicate matter. Brig. Rahman was a serving officer and the Pak Government would have to decide whether he could give evidence on a question which has already become the subject of a "political controversy" in India.

Yours sincerely,

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(N. Dayal)

Shri T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary (J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

D.S. may please see for info. not yet asked.

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Director (EA) may Mr. see. I think this should be dealt with at a higher level by a senior officer from His command,

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HONG KONG

HON.551(1)/71

January 14, 1971 (126)

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 29th December, 1970.

2. As regards the arrangements to be made during the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission, to Hong Kong the following observations are made:

- i) Accommodation: Accommodation can be booked in advance for 3 members of the party according to their respective entitlements. At least a week's notice would be required for this.
- ii) Transport: The Mission will not be able to free the staff car for the group as it is constantly engaged in receiving and depositing diplomatic bags and carrying confidential papers between the two wings of the Office. Transport charges at HK\$50 (Rs.61.85) per day may please be sanctioned to the Enquiry Commission. It might be possible to receive and see off the group in the staff car if its arrival or departure does not clash with the reception and sending off the diplomatic bags.
- iii) Sitting of the Commission: The sitting of the Commission could best be conducted in the sitting room of the hotel room itself. This is the only way to provide for a retiring room for the Chairman.
- iv) Reporters(Stenographers) and Interpreters: Two stenographers on the staff of the Commission of India can be provided to the Enquiry Commission although it may not be the same stenographer at every sitting. Only one Interpreter from Cantonese(Chinese) into English can be provided by the Commission. This is a local employee, a Chinese. If the person being questioned speaks Mandarin (Chinese) an officer from the staff of the Commission of India could be deputed as Interpreter.
- v) Other arrangements: Whatever typing is required to be done can be done in the office. A messenger can also be loaned to the Enquiry Commission, if required.
- vi) Liaison Officer: There is no officer in the Commission of India who speaks local language, which is Cantonese. The language students learn Mandarin.

Ministry of External Affairs,
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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

No.C-551/8/70-JP

27 January, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II, dated 18 December, 1970, regarding the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India.

In this connection, I enclose a copy of a letter No.HON.551(1)71, dated 14 January, 1971, from our Commission in Hongkong for information and necessary action.

However, we would be grateful to be advised whether Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Hongkong is necessary except in connection with their visit to Taiwan.

Yours sincerely

(T. Cherpoot)
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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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COMMISSION OF INDIA
HONG KONG

HON.551(1)/71

January 14, 1971

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EMBASSY OF INDIA 105
BANGKOK

No.BAN/122/2/71

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January 15, 1971.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-SP dated the 29th December 1970 regarding the proposed visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Bangkok.

Accommodation: On receipt of the detailed programme of the Commission in Bangkok, accommodation will be booked in a hotel appropriate to the status of the Chairman of the Commission and other persons accompanying him. Daily charges for the hotel accommodation proposed to be booked for them are as follows:-

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- a) Suite for the Chairman: Baht 540/- = Rs. 193.54
- b) Single room with private bath for the Secretary (Grade I Officer): Baht 252/- = Rs. 90.32
- c) Single room with bath for the P.A. (Grade II Officer): Baht 136/- = Rs. 48.75

The charges mentioned above are inclusive of Service Charges @ 10% of room rent in the hotel.

Cash Allowance: The daily rate of cash allowance and 10% of room rent as tips which shall also have to be paid to the Chairman of the Commission and the persons accompanying him are indicated below:-

	<u>Cash Allowance</u>	<u>Tips</u>
Chairman	Baht 107.25 = Rs.38.43	Baht 48.00 = Rs. 14.34
Secretary (Grade I Officer)	Baht 107.25 = Rs.38.43	Baht 22.40 = Rs. 8.04
P.A. (Grade II Officer)	Baht 80.43 = Rs.28.84	Baht 11.90 = Rs. 4.19

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Transport: We have only one staff car and so it will not be possible for the Embassy to spare it for the Commission. Therefore, for the duration of stay of the Commission one car has to be hired from a local Company on daily rental basis. The charges for an Opel Record (Non-air-conditioned) car are Baht 350/- = Rs. 125.44 per day and air-conditioned car about Baht 600/-.

Sittings of the Commission: In the Chancery premises, there is no suitable place where the sittings of the Commission can be arranged. We shall have to hire some Committee/Conference Room along with a retiring room in a hotel for holding the sittings of the Commission. The charges for such a room are Baht 600/- = Rs. 215.04 per diem plus usual 10% Service Charges. Witnesses called for the purpose may wait in the hotel lounge.

Reporters: The Embassy has only 4 Personal Assistants and none of them is of Reporter's standard. We apprehend they may not be able to record the proceedings of the Commission verbatim. We, therefore, suggest that two reporters should be sent from India for the Commission's work.

The Embassy is already short of one Personal Assistant. However, if it is inevitable we can perhaps spare one Personal Assistant for normal dictation work and that too with great difficulty and at the cost of the other work of the Mission.

Interpreters: We do not have in this Embassy any Thai-English Interpreters. We suggest that one such Interpreter should be hired locally for the duration of the Commission's work. The charges for a good Thai-English Interpreter are Baht 50/- = Rs. 17.92 per hour.

Liaison Officer: A Liaison Officer will be provided by the Embassy as desired.

Typewriters: We do not have any spare typewriter. The required number of typewriters will be hired for the duration of the Commission's stay in Bangkok.

Other Arrangements: Stationery, Messengers will be provided by the Embassy as desired. Suitable amount may be sanctioned for other contingencies.

Please convey necessary Government sanction well in advance if the expenditure is to be met initially by the Embassy. In case you propose to place necessary funds at the disposal of the Commission then also please inform us accordingly.

Yours ever,

P. S. Tella

Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

Chancery

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No.C/551/8/70-JP

3 February, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II, dated 18 December, 1970, regarding the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India.

I am sending herewith a copy of letter No.BAN/122/2/71, dated 15 January, 1971, from our Embassy in Bangkok, for your information and onward transmission to the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Re No. *Ran. A (A) 551/1/71*

Rangoon, 28th January, 1971.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 29th December, 1970, regarding the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Burma.

(i) Accommodation

We presume that the Chairman of the Commission will be entitled to accommodation as for a Head of Mission i.e. a suite subject to the monetary ceiling fixed for Rangoon. We shall be grateful if you kindly confirm this.

We presume that the Secretary to the Chairman will be a Grade I officer. We shall be grateful if you will kindly confirm this also.

(ii) Transport

This Embassy has a Chevrolet Impala station wagon, a Volkswagen microbus and a jeep. Obviously, the station wagon is the only car which can be placed at the disposal of the Chairman and party and not either of the other vehicles. If, in addition to this, it is found necessary to hire transport for bringing witnesses which cannot be covered by other two vehicles and we find it necessary to hire additional transport, we shall do so. We shall be grateful to know about the adjustment of the expenditure on transport whether it should be met from the sanctioned budget grant of this Mission ~~and~~ or is to be debited to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Every other arrangement as mentioned in the enclosure to your letter will be made by this Mission.

We presume that appropriate sanction for meeting of the expenditure connected with the visit of the Commission initially by this Mission for subsequent debits will be issued in due course.

We presume that you have already advised the Burmese Embassy in New Delhi about the visit of the Commission to Rangoon.



Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No.C-551/8/70-JP

8 February, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your letter No.25/36/70-Poll. II, dated 18 December, 1970, regarding the visit of Netaji Enquiry Commission to Japan and other places outside India.

I am enclosing a copy of letter No.RAN.A(A) 551/1/71, dated 28 January, 1971, from our Embassy in Rangoon, for your information and onward transmission to the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

I should be grateful if your replies to the points raised in paras.(i) and (ii) of the Embassy's letter are communicated direct to the Embassy under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely

to
(T. Cherpoot)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Government of India
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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NEW DELHI-1, the 15 FEB 1971
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Dear Embassy,

Reference Embassy's letter No. (X J)/6/70, dated 15/19.1.71 regarding arrangements for visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Tokyo and examination of witnesses.

2. I am desired to say that the Commission have informed that in addition to the witnesses included in the list prepared by them, the Commission would like to examine the other witnesses whose names have been suggested by Lt. Gen. Fujiwara but who did not figure in the Commission's list. The Commission would also like to examine Madam Tejo, if she is available. Regarding some of the witnesses in the list proposed by the Commission who have not been traced, the Commission are consulting the records available with them and would furnish more details about them, which would be separately communicated to the Embassy. If any of such witnesses are available, the Commission would like to examine them.

3. I am also desired to enclose the tentative itinerary of the Commission for its visit to Tokyo in March, 1971. A spare copy of a.o. letter No.3/3/70-NIC, dated 2.2.1971 (together with its enclosures) from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, regarding arrangements for the Commission's sittings in Japan is also sent herewith for appropriate action. It is requested that this Ministry may kindly be informed of the action taken by the Embassy.

4. The arrangements made for the accommodation of the Commission may also kindly be intimated at an early date for the information of the Chairman of the Commission.

Embassy of India in Japan,
TOKYO.

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15 FEB 1971

No. 25/36/70-Poll.III

Dated the February, 1971
26 Magha, 1892.

Copy forwarded for information to the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri T. Cherpoot, Under Secretary) New Delhi.

Copy also forwarded to the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission (Shri D.K. Das) New Delhi with reference to his two d.o. letters No.3/3/70-NIC dated 1st and 2nd February, 1970, respectively.

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sd/ (T.R. AGNANI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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Y. S. Dhar

Section Officer,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP dated December 29, 1970, regarding the proposed visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Singapore in April/May this year.

We have studied the requirements of the Commission and our comments are as follows:

1. ACCOMMODATION: There is no difficulty in arranging accommodation for the Chairman, Secretary and PA in a suitable hotel. It is presumed that the necessary Government sanction to incur such expenditure will follow.
2. TRANSPORT: In our Mission, we have only one staff car and it is not possible to place it at the disposal of the Commission. However, a car can be hired at prevailing commercial rates, which will be about S\$ 100/- (Rs. 250/-) per day. We need Government sanction to incur this expenditure as our budget position is very tight and it will not be possible for us to bear this expenditure.
3. SITTINGS OF COMMISSION: As there is no spare/suitable room in our office which could be utilised by the Commission to conduct their proceedings etc., a suitable room (suite) could be arranged in a hotel on payment.
4. REPORTERS/STENOGRAPHERS/INTERPRETERS: Our limited strength of PAS will not permit us to spare two PAS from here. Moreover, to record verbatim proceedings normally the services of a Reporter are required. The PAS here may not be able to do full justice to this important work. It is suggested that the Commission may be requested to bring at least one Reporter with them in addition to the PA accompanying the party.
5. LIAISON OFFICER: An officer from this Commission will be deputed to work as Liaison Officer during the period of the Commission's stay.

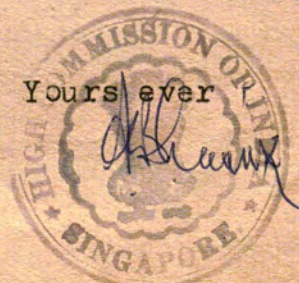
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We shall be grateful if you kindly let us know the exact schedule of the Commission's visit to Singapore as well as the list of witnesses who will be required to appear before the Commission.

Yours ever



Min. of Ext. Affairs,
Government of India,
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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

C.551/8/70-JP

18 February, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated 18 December, 1970, regarding Netaji Enquiry Commission's visit to Japan and other places outside India.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter No.SIN/101/21/71, dated 3 February, 1971, received from our High Commission in Singapore, in this connection, for your information and onward transmission to Netaji Enquiry Commission.

Your reply to the High Commission of India, Singapore, may please be sent directly under intimation to me.

Yours sincerely

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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High Commission of India,
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February 3, 1971

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated December 29, 1970, regarding the proposed visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Singapore in April/May this year.

We have studied the requirements of the Commission and our comments are as follows:

1. Accommodation: There is no difficulty in arranging accommodation for the Chairman, Secretary and PA in a suitable hotel. It is presumed that the necessary Government sanction to incur such expenditure will follow.

2. Transport:

In our Mission, we have only one staff car and it is not possible to place it at the disposal of the Commission. However, a car can be hired at prevailing commercial rates, which will be about S\$100/- (Rs.250/-) per day. We need Government sanction to incur this expenditure as our budget position is very tight and it will not be possible for us to bear this expenditure.

3. Sittings of Commission:

As there is no spare/suitable room in our office which could be utilised by the Commission to conduct their proceedings etc. , a suitable room (suite) could be arranged in a hotel on payment.

4. Reporters/Stenographers/Interpreters: Our limited strength of PAs will not permit us to spare two PAs from here. Moreover, to record verbatim proceedings normally the services of a Reporter are required. The PAs here may not be able to do full justice to this important work. It is suggested that the Commission may be requested to bring at least one Reporter with them in addition to the PA accompanying the Party.

5. Liaison Officer: An officer from this Commission will be deputed to work as Liaison Officer during the period of the Commission's stay.

We shall be grateful if you kindly let us know the exact schedule of the Commission's visit to Singapore as well as the list of witnesses who will be required to appear before the Commission.

Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Embassy

Yours ever

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Dear Mission,

Enclosed please find copy of a letter dated the 2nd November, 1970 from Shri Chitta Basu, formerly a member of the Parliament on the subject of Enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Bose. Your attention is particularly invited to paragraphs 4 and 6 of the enclosed letter. Kindly let us know, along with your own comments, whether any reports/materials as mentioned in the letter, are available, in which case the same may please be sent to us immediately.

Yours ever

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- 1. Embassy of India,
Moscow (Shri A.K. Damodaran, Counsellor).
- 2. Embassy of India,
Tokyo (Shri A.G. Asrani, Counsellor)
- 3. Embassy of India,
Washington (Shri G. Sankar, Counsellor)
- 4. High Commission of India,
London (Shri A. Madhavan, Counsellor).

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भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
गृह मन्त्रालय
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi-1
16th November 1970

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Dear Shri Kaul,

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Prime Minister by Shri Chitta Basu, MP, regarding the Netaji Inquiry Commission. The letter speaks for itself. Prime Minister has minuted as follows:

"If the Commission thinks it necessary, the Government should try through its Missions and its P.R. at U.N. to get all such information from other Governments and persons."

2. I am desired to request that if you may kindly have it ascertained whether the documents mentioned by Shri Chitta Basu, MP, in his letter dated November 2, 1970, are really available and also advise whether, as suggested, the United Nations should be approached to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the matter.

Yours sincerely,

T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan

(T.C. A. Srinivasavaradan)

Shri T.N. Kaul,
Secretary (Foreign),
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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Chitta Basu,
Member of Parliament
(Rajya Sabha)

88, North Avenue,
New Delhi-1, (117)

November 2, 1970. (148)

Dear Prime Minister,

We expressed our satisfaction when the Government announced the constitution of the one-man Netaji Inquiry Commission.

The constitution of the Commission has vindicated the stand taken by the Forward Bloc that the findings of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee were not in disputable and further probe into the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji was necessary.

The works of the Commission are in progress. I think you are aware that certain important and revealing informations which concern a number of foreign countries have come out in course of the deposition of witnesses, already heard. Many might be forthcoming with the progress of the Commission's works.

These apart, our Party is convinced that the Governments of United Kingdom, the United States of America, USSR Japan and Taiwan have in their possession important documentations which are vitally required to find the clue of the mystery and to ascertain the whole truth about the disappearance of Netaji. The Commission, as is constituted, it is believed, cannot secure those documentations at their disposal.

It is also an incontrovertible fact that the Government of India have intelligence reports about Netaji and his activities during the period of 1941-45. We feel that those reports are also to be made available to the Commission.

It is also believed that Genl. Mac Arthur prepared a report about the whole episode of I.N.A. and their activities which contains important clues. Lord Mountbatten played an important rôle in the War in that region, during the period who it is believed, submitted comprehensive reports about Netaji to the then Government of India and U.K. The Commission cannot also secure this.

It would not be possible for the Commission to bring to light all the matters relating to the disappearance of Netaji, if those materials, amongst others, are not made available to it despite its honest and since intention to ascertain the whole truth about it.

In view of these, our Party requests you to approach the United Nations to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the whole matter and ascertain the whole truth about it.

I hope you would give careful consideration to this.

With best regards,

Sd/- Chitta Basu

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister, New Delhi.

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V.V.Paranjpe,
Director(EA)

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No. C. / 551 / 8 / 70 - JP January 30, 1971

Dear Shri Srinivasavaradan,

Please refer to your letter No.25/48/70-Poll.II dated November 18,1970 addressed to the Foreign Secretary, regarding Shri Chitta Basu's letter on the subject of Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We have addressed our Missions in U.K., USA, USSR and Japan on the points raised by Mr. Basu in his letter of November 2 and if any material is available, we have asked our Missions to make it available to us for the use of the Commission.

3. For obvious reasons, we cannot write to Taiwan authorities.

4. As regards Mr. Basu's suggestion that the United Nations should be approached to constitute an international inquiry commission, this Ministry does not feel that UN Commission is possible, practicable or desirable. We would, therefore, advise against the suggestion.

Done
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Yours sincerely,

(V.V.Paranjpe)

Shri T.C.A.Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Please issue letters to all our concerned Missions abroad and ask for their replies urgently (enclosing a copy of Mr. Basu's letter).

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

No. SAI/444/1/71

January 14, 1971

Sub: Proposed visit of Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Saigon.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated December 29, 1970. We presume that the Enquiry Commission will be in Saigon for at least a week. Therefore, our comments are as follows:-

I. Size of this Mission

This is a very small office and has only one car used by the Consul General. The office has no staff car and there are only two officers, the Consul General and Consul. The Consul does not have his personal car either. Taxis are hard to obtain but if the car for the Chairman of the Commission is necessary, arrangements can be made to rent a car, the cost of which is indicated in the Annexure 'A'.

II. Office Accommodation for the Commission

The office of the Consulate is in an apartment house building in the centre of the town. It has no accommodation to spare for a week in the form of two rooms, one for serving as the retiring room for the Chief Justice and the other for his office and meeting the witnesses. However, for a week a suite of rooms in a hotel in the centre of the town can be rented for which the cost for a week would be as in the Annexure 'B'.

III. Indian Stenographers

Unfortunately this small office has only two Stenographers, who are already overworked, one of them has to do, apart from the work of a P.A., the work of Assistant for Publicity and Commercial matters. Therefore, it will not be possible for this Consulate to be of any assistance in this regard. There are no Indian Stenographers here, since there are no Indian Companies employing Indian Stenographers. However, the Indian Delegation to the International Control Commission, Saigon might be able to give stenographic assistance, if approached directly by the Ministry of E.A.

IV. Residential accommodation

It is possible to arrange residential accommodation for all the members of the Commission in the Centre of the town at the expense for a week as mentioned in the Annexure 'B'. Justice Khosia will be welcome to stay with the Consul General.

V. Calling Witnesses

The Commission must be informed that travel by road is inadvisable and unsafe. There are no trains and buses. Aeroplane journey is problematic, because aeroplanes are heavily booked and return passages are never assured. Most of the personnel of Western Embassies who travel about here do so in the special aeroplanes of U.S. Mission and their connected airlines like Air America. It is recommended that if the witnesses are to be interviewed either out of Saigon or to be brought here from outlying places, request should be made to the U.S. Embassy in

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Delhi, so that the U.S. Embassy here provide helicopter assistance for the purpose of going and meeting the witnesses or bringing them to Saigon and returning them to their home towns. Alternatively, if the Ministry of External Affairs authorizes us, we could approach the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the purpose though this process is likely to be slower and more time consuming.

VI. Liaison Officer

Since the Consulate has only two officers, who are occupied fully, it would not be possible for the Consulate to spare a Liaison Officer. However, as mentioned in item III above the Ministry may like to approach Indian Delegation to the International Control Commission, which might be able to provide a Liaison Officer for a week.

VII. Interpreters

The Consulate has no translator. In spite of many attempts to recruit one we have not been able to get a translator so far. Here again it will be necessary to hire one at the weekly rates as mentioned in the Annexure 'C'

VIII. Office equipment and typewriters

Normal office equipment will be provided by the Consulate with pleasure to the Commission. Typewriters will have to be rented (local typewriters are with French key board) and the cost of a typewriter for a week is as in the Annexure 'D'. The Consulate will be able to provide for a week one Messenger.

It may please be noted that the funds of the Consulate are extremely limited and the cost which has been indicated in the annexure is the minimum, and by April and May the cost might be more because prices are constantly rising. The Ministry is, therefore, advised to mention these facts fully to the Commission to

- (i) obtain the necessary sanction for the cost involved,
- (ii) make necessary arrangements for air travel through the U.S. Government sources or authorize us to request the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- (iii) approach Indian Delegation to International Control Commission, Saigon for assistance mentioned above and
- (iv) send well in advance the names and addresses of the witnesses, so that they may be approached by post, if outside Saigon.

Ministry of External Affairs,
Coordination Division,
New Delhi.



CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

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Rent of a car in Saigon

For the City of Saigon hire of a car
from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. per day*
(depending upon the size of the car)

Vietnam
Piastres

Rs.

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451.62 to
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For a week

Rs. 3161.34 to
Rs. 3612.91

* For extra hours beyond 8 P.M. the
charges per hour will be

500 to
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Rs. 32.26 to
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* If the car is to be taken outside
the City of Saigon there will be
extra charges

* Including the cost of petrol.

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SAIGON.

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Statement of charges for Residential accommodation in
a Hotel.

	VN\$ Piastre per day.	Rupees per day.	Rupees per week.
For a suite with sitting room, bed room and bath (for a single person)	3811 to 5000	245.86 to 322.58	1731.02 to 2258.06
For a suite with sitting room, bed room and bath (for 2 persons)	4511 to 6000	293.61 to 387.10	2055.27 to 2709.70
Single room with bath for 1st Grade officers.	2401 to 3150	154.90 to 203.13	1084.30 to 1421.91
Single room with bath for 2nd Grade officers.	1500 to 2401	96.78 to 154.90	677.46 to 1084.30

Notes :- The above rates include taxes and service
charges.

ANNEXURE B(ii)

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON.

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Statement of charges for office accommodation in a Hotel.

For a suite with sitting room, bed room and bath (for 2 persons).	VN\$ Piastre. Rs.	
	<u>per day.</u>	<u>per day.</u>
	4511 to	293.61 to
	6000	387.10

Charges for a week will be Rs. 2055.27 to
Rs. 2709.70.

Note:- The above rates include taxes and service charges.
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ANNEXURE 'C'

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

Statement showing charges of an Interpreter knowig
English-French and Vietnamese.

Charges will be VN\$ 3000 or Rs.193.55 per day if the
Interpreter is to be engaged for a week.
Therefore charges for a week will be Rs. 1354.85

(From 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. with 2 hours break for lunch)
per day.

Note: If Interpreters are to be engaged for a month or
more the charges will be less.

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ANNEXURE 'D'

CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

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Statement showing hiring charges of an
English typewriter in Saigon.

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Charges for hiring a typewriter for a week will be VN\$ 500 to 800 per day (i.e. from Rs.32.26 to Rs.51.61 per day). Therefore charges for a week will be Rs.225.82 to Rs.361.27.

Note: Typewriters with French or Vietnamese keyboard with English alphabets are available but it will be difficult for an official not conversant with this keyboard to type on such typewriters.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No. C-551/8/70-JP

29 January, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your letter No. 25/36/70-Pol.II
dated 18 December, 1970.

I am sending herewith a copy of letter No.
SAI/444/1/71, dated 14 January, 1971, received from
our Consulate General in Saigon for your information
and transmission to the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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D.K.DAS,
SECRETARY

Tel. No.386283

Netaji Inquiry Commission
Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building
Parliament Street, New Delhi-1.

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15th February, 1971.

My dear Agnani,

In continuation of my D.O. letter of even No. dated the 2nd February, 1971, I write to inform you that the Commission has decided to postpone the visit to Tokyo by two weeks. I enclosed herewith the revised itinerary with spare copies for transmission to the Indian Embassy in Tokyo for taking further action.

2. I hope it will now be possible for you to have the Government sanction for the deputation issued immediately so that we can take further action regarding passports, visas, foreign exchange and air bookings.

With compliments,

Yours sincerely,

Sd.D.K.Das

Shri T.R.Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

No.3/3/70-Poll.II

Dated the February, 1971.

Copy to (1) Shri T.Cherpoot, Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

(2) Indian Embassy in Tokyo

with reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated the 15th February, 1971.

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NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970)

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28th March, 1971 (Sunday) RECESS TOKYO.
29th March, 1971 (Monday) FREE for discussing preliminaries and finalising arrangements for the sittings.

RECORDING OF ORAL EVIDENCE STARTS:

30th March, 1971 (Tuesday)

1. Lt. Gen Iwaichi FUJIWARA,
Mitoko-Building 3 fl,
6-2-4 Akasaka, Minato-Ku,
Tokyo (Tel: 582-3835 584-2939)
2. Mr. Tadashi ANDO,
1-4-9 Nakaikegami,
Ohta-ku-Tokyo.
(Tel: 751-8576)

31st March, 1971 (Wednesday)

1. Maj-Gen. Haruki ISAYAMA,
8-5, Seijo, Setagaya-ku,
Tokyo (Tel: 483-1546).
2. Mr. Tadao SAKAI,
6-9-17 Miyamoto-cho,
Funabashi-shi, Chiba.
(Tel: 0474-22-5160)

1st April, 1971 (Thursday)

1. Mr. Tatsuo HAYASHIDA,
3-21-28 Hariyoshi-cho,
Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka-pref.
(Tel: 0278-2-5334) or 092-77-7328.

2nd April, 1971 (Friday)

1. Mr. Teruo HACHIYA,
4-11 Seigo, Setagaya-ku,
Tokyo (Tel: 483-0705)
2. Mrs. TOJO,

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5th April, 1971 (Monday)

1. Mr. Keikichi ARAI,
2. Rev. Hidemaru HOTTA,

6th April, 1971 (Tuesday)

1. Lt. Gen. Saburo ISODA,
Manba-machi, Tano-gun,
Gunma-pref.
2. Mr. Koji TAKAMIYA,
1882 Takahashiba-cho,
Numata-shi, Gunma-pref,
(Tel: 0278-2-5334).

7th April, 1971 (Wednesday)

1. Col. Shiro NONOGAKI,
5-5 Okuzawa, Setagaya-Ku,
Tokyo.
2. Rev. Kyohei MOCHIJUKU,
Renkoji, 2-150,
Koenshi, Suginami-ku,
Tokyo.

8th April, 1971 (Thursday)

1. Mr. Kinji WATANABE,
644 Akai-cho, Nara-shi,
Nara-pref.
2. Mr. Sayyendranath Sen,

9th April, 1971 (Friday)

1. Dr. T. TSURUTA,
173 Furukawa, Tsu-shi,
Mie-pref.
2. Mr. Kazuo MIYASU,
15 Nishihatake-machi,
Wakamatsu-ku, Kita-Kyushushi,
Fukuoka.

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12th April, 1971 (Monday)

- 1. Mr. Kazo SATO, .I
- 2. Mr. J. Murti, .S
760 Asagaya 1 -Chome,
Suginamiku- Tokyo.

13th April, 1971 (Tuesday)

- 1. Maj. Taro KONO, .I
3-10-1 Hachiman, Ichikawashi, Chiba.
- 2. Mr. Koji ASADA, .S
2-2826 Hon-cho,
Kokubunji-shi, Tokyo.

14th April, 1971 (Wednesday)

- 1. Maj. Iwao TAKAHASHI, .I
7-5-19 Jushi, Jushishi,
Kanagawa-pref. (Tel: 584-2311).
- 2. Mr. Shigetaka SUGIURA, .S
5-3-17, Minamirinkan,
Yamato-Cho. Kanagawa-pref,
(Tel: 584-2311 ext. 377)

15th April, 1971 (Thursday)

- 1. Capt. Makoto NAKAMURA, .I
(Now M. Yamamoto), 25 Yamanoue-machi,
Ohmuta-shi, Fukuoka-pref.
- 2. Mrs. NAKAMURA, .S
25 Yamanoue-machi, (Tel: 888-8888)
Ohmuta-shi, Fukuoka-pref.

16th April, 1971 (Friday)

- 1. Maj. Kenichi SAKAI, .I
4 Miho, Furukawa-aza,
Aomori-shi, Aomori-pref.
- 2. Col. Muraji YANEI, .I

19th April, 1971 (Monday)

1. Mr. M. MIYOSHI,
36 Satsuki-Cho, Fukushima-shi,
Fukushima pref.
2. Mr. Goro NAKAMIYA,

20th April, 1971 (Tuesday)

1. Col. Sugiya MIYATA,
2. Mr. Naokichi KITAZAWA,
3-59 Sasazuka, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo (Tel: 377-3808)

21st April, 1971 (Wednesday)

1. Mr. Masaharu KINOSHITA,
2. Lt. Col. Morio TAKAKURA,
3-21 Eifuku-Cho, Suginami-ku,
Tokyo.

22nd April, 1971 (Thursday)

1. Dr. Taneyoshi YOSHIMI,
338 Takajo-machi, Kitamoro-kata-Gun,
Miyazaki-pref.
(Tel: 098-658-2335).
2. Mr. Yoshio ISHII,
10-2 Minami-Yama-Buki-cho,
shinjuku-ku, Tokyo.
(Tel: 268-8731).

23rd April, 1971 (Friday)

1. Lt. Col. Masanari SHIBUYA,
43 Oura, Sanbongi-cho,
Shida-Gun, Miyagi-pref.
2. Maj. S. NAGATOMO,
2828 Nakamura-cho-Miyazaki-shi,
Miyazaki-pref.

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24th April to 27th April, 1971

Spillover of witnesses, Visit to Renkoji Temple, inspection of documents, material etc.

28th April, 1971

Leave for Delhi.

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Note: The addresses of certain witnesses have not yet become available; efforts are still being made to trace them.

The Indian Embassy in Tokyo has also been requested to issue a notice inviting persons who have information in the matter to come forward to give evidence before the Commission.

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No. 25/36/70-Poll. II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi-1, dt.

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February, 1971
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Dear Embassy,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. 25/36/70-poll. II, dated 15.2.1971 I am desired to send herewith the revised itinerary of the Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Japan. It is requested that necessary arrangements for examination of the witnesses and accommodation for the Commission may kindly be made in accordance with this revised itinerary.

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Embassy of India in Japan
Tokyo.

No. 25/36/70-Poll. II, New Delhi-1, dt. 18 Feb. 1971

Copy forwarded for information to the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri T. Cherpoor, Under Secretary), New Delhi.

Copy also forwarded for information to Secretary Netaji Inquiry Commission (Shri D.K. Das, Reserve Bank Building, New Delhi with reference to his d.o. letter No. 3/3/70-NIC dated 15th February, 1971.

Sd/- T.R. AGNANI
UNDER SECY. TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE

[Signature]

Section Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs



No.TOK.551(6)70

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भारत का राजदूतावास, टोकियो
EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

February 22, 1971.

sl. no 86 156

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 30th January 1971 regarding enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Bose.

In the past we had already once approached the Japanese Government enquiring if they had any record with them to show that Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was ever arrested as a war criminal or had ever been a "prisoner of war" and the Japanese Government had already informed us that they had no evidence with them to suggest either that Netaji Bose was ever arrested for being a war criminal nor held as a prisoner of war. This was communicated to you vide Shri Ajmani's d.o. letter No.621-CP/67, dated 29.12.67. Recently in response to Shri Cherpoat's d.o. letter No.C-551/8/70-JP dated 27.10.70 to Shri Uppal, we had again made enquiries with the Japanese Government whether Netaji's name figured on the list of war criminals and were told that his name did not figure on the war criminal lists. This too has been communicated to you vide Shri Uppal's d.o. letter No.SS/70, dated 4.12.70 to Shri Cherpoat.

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As regards reports prepared by Genl. Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten referred to in para 6 of Shri Chitta Basu's letter dated November 2, 1970, these reports, if they exist, would be available with the Governments of U.S. and U.K. and not with the Government of Japan.

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The Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Yours ever,



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EMBASSY OF INDIA,
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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated the 30th January, 1971, on Netaji Enquiry Commission.

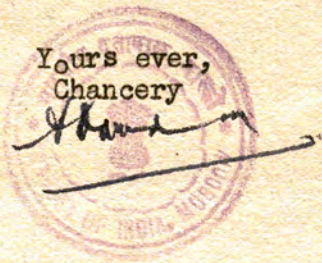
2. The official position of the Soviet Government about the career of Subhas Chandra Bose is given in the Third Volume of the latest edition of the Great Soviet Encyclopaedia which is given below:

"BOSE SUBHAS CHANDRA (23.1.1897, Cuttack, Orissa, 18.8.1945, Taiwan island) Leader of the Indian National Freedom movement. In 1924-25 became a member in the party of the Swarajists. From 1928 along with Jawaharlal Nehru, Leader of the "leftists" in the Indian National Congress Party. In 1939 ~~formed~~ formed the petty-bourgeois party - Forward Bloc. Thinking that any enemy of England is the ally of the national struggle of the Indians, Bose searched for help from Germany and Japan. In 1941 escaped to Germany. In 1942 became the head of the so-called government "Azad Hind" in Japanese-occupied Burma and formed the "Indian National Army" out of Indian war prisoners. This army fought on the side of Japan against Britain. Died during an air-crash.

3. It will be noticed that this article categorically states that Shri Subhas Chandra Bose passed away in 1945. It would, therefore, be of no use to approach the Soviet Government for material on his alleged disappearance since, according to this authoritative announcement, the Soviet Government does not appear to record the death of Netaji Subhas Bose in any mysterious way.

4. This refers to para 4 of ~~your~~ ^{the enclosed to your letter.} letter. We are not able to see the connection between para 6 and the Soviet Union.

Yours ever,
Chancery



The Ministry of External Affairs
East Asia Division
NEW DELHI

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No.C/551/8/70-JP
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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New Delhi the 15th March, 1971.

Dear Mission,

Please refer to our letter of even number dated the 30th January, 1971 regarding probe into the disappearance of Netaji Bose.

2. We shall be grateful if you kindly send your comments to us immediately.

Yours ever,
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- 1. Embassy of India,
Washington (Shri G.Sankar, Counsellor)
- 2. High Commission of India, London,
(Shri A.Madhavan, Counsellor)

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No. 25/36/70-Poll.II
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Ministry of Home Affairs

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ORDER

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Subject:- Visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission
to Japan.

Sanction of the president is hereby accorded
to the deputation of :-

- (i) Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, Netaji
Inquiry Commission.
- (ii) Shri D.K. Das, secretary, Netaji Inquiry
Commission.
- (iii) Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to the Chairman
Netaji Inquiry Commission.

to Japan (Tokyo) for purpose of inquiry into the
disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in 1945
and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. The terms and conditions of deputation
are as follows:-

1. Period of deputation: The period of deputation
will be 32 days and the deputation will commence on
the date the Commission and the officers leave India
viz. 28th March, 1971 and will terminate on the date
on which they return to India viz. 28th April, 1971.

2. Pay and Allowances: Full pay and allowances as
admissible to them in India and will be payable in
rupees.

3. Passage: S/Shri Khosla and Das will be entitled
to travel by air by standard (First) Class both
ways at their option and Shri Kundra will be entitled
to travel by Air by Economy Class both ways.

Daily allowance, accommodation, tip money etc.

S/Shri Khosla and Das will be entitled to split rates
of daily allowances as admissible to Grade I Officers
during the period spent in Japan and reimbursement of
actual expenditure on tips subject to a maximum of
10% of accommodation charges under the split rates
of daily allowance or the 'all inclusive' rate of D.A.
in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministries
of External Affairs and Finance from time to time.

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Shri Kundra will be entitled to split rates/ 'all inclusive' rates as admissible to Grade II Officers in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministries of External Affairs and Finance.

Carriage of official papers: The Official record (limited to 20 kgs. during onward journey to Japan and 30 Kgs. during return Journey) will be carried at Government expense as air cargo.

Entitlement to Head of Mission treatment: Shri Khosla will be entitled to 'head of a mission', when not accompanied by his wife, terms of accommodation during the period of deputation.

Expenses on calling witnesses in Japan: Shri Khosla is authorised to sanction expenses on calling witnesses in Japan up to a total amount of Rs. 5,000 (Rupees five thousand only) (in yens).

Expenses on hire of transport and other incidental expenses: Shri Khosla is authorised to sanction on the hire of transport and other incidental charges in Japan up to a total amount of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) (in yens) during the period of his deputation.

3. The Embassy of India in Japan are authorised to make payments of D.A. to Shri Khosla and S/Shri Das and Kundra in local currency as admissible to them during their Stay in Japan. The Embassy is also authorised to make payment to Shri Khosla in local currency an amount equivalent to Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) for incurring expenditure on the calling of witnesses, hiring of transport and other incidental expenses. They are authorised to make payments in accordance with the terms sanctioned in this letter without waiting for any other authority. The Ministry of Finance have agreed to this sanction being regarded as an authority for payments.

4. The expenditure involved will be met out of the Budget grants of the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

5. This sanction issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance vide their U.O. No. 2154-HF/71 Dated 6-3-1971.

T.R. Agnani
(T.R. AGNANI) 9/3/71

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 25/36/70-poll.II, New Delhi-1, dt. 16 March, 1971
Phalguna, 1892

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Copy to:-

1. The Accountant General Central Revenues, New Delhi.
2. The Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo.
3. The Treasury Officer, New Delhi.
4. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), New Delhi.
5. The Ministry of Finance (Department of E.A.).
6. The Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.
7. Finance Section (Ministry of Home Affairs)
8. The Ministry of External Affairs.
9. Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank of India Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.
10. Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank of India Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi, with one spare copy.
11. Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to Chairman, Netaji, Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.

T.R. Agnani

(T.R. AGNANI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

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No. TOK.551(6)70

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March 1, 1971.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.25/36/70-Poll.II dated 15.2.71 regarding arrangements for visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Tokyo and examination of witnesses.

We are making arrangements along the lines suggested in your letter under reference and as per the revised itinerary communicated to us vide your letter dated 18th February, 1971.

Kindly let us know immediately, preferably by Telex, who all will be coming to Tokyo in connection with the Commission's visit and indicate their entitlement for purposes of hotel accommodation to enable us to make suitable arrangements.

Yours ever,

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Under Secretary Shri T.R. Agnani),
New Delhi.

✓ Copy to: Ministry of External Affairs
(Under Secretary Shri T. Cherpoot)
New Delhi, for information.

(S. E. Joshi)
Counsellor.

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NEW DELHI-1, the
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 1971
Phalguna, 1892

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Subject:-Netaji Inquiry Commission - Arrangements for recording evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of EA's endorsement No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 8.1.71 on the above subject and to request that the present position of the case, may please be communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

Sd/-T.R. AGNANI
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

The Ministry of E.A.,
(Shri T. Chhabra, Under secretary),
New Delhi.

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Ministry of Home Affairs.



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N. Dayal
Second Secretary

No. ISL(POL)501/2/68.

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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD

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March 13, 1971.

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Dear Shri Cherpeet,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with my letter of even reference of the 22nd January, regarding the desire of the Netaji Enquiry Commission to record the oral evidence of Brig. RAHMAN.

2. As anticipated, the Foreign Office has now replied that Mr. Rahman "is of the opinion that no purpose would be served by going to New Delhi or by the visit of the Enquiry Commission to Pakistan". The basis for this "opinion" is that Mr. Rahman had already said what he had to say before the Shahnawaz Committee in 1956.

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I enclose the Pakistan's Note in reply.

Yours sincerely,

Narish Dayal

(N. Dayal)

Shri T. Cherpeet,
Under Secretary (J)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISLAMABAD

No.1/35/70-I(V)

9 March, 1971

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of India in Pakistan and with reference to High Commission's Note No.ISL(POL)-501/2/68, dated the 22nd January, 1971, has the honour to say that Mr.Habibur Rehman, who was contacted in the matter has stated that he has nothing to add to what he had already said in his evidence before the Shah Nawaz Committee in New Delhi in 1956. about Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose's death by accident. He, therefore, is of the opinion that no purpose would be served by his going to New Delhi or by the visit of the Enquiry Commission to Pakistan.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The High Commission of India,
in Pakistan,
Islamabad.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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D.O.No. c/551/8 | 70-JP

19 March, 1971

Dear Shri Dayal,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. ISL/POL/501/2/68, dated 13 March, 1971, regarding the desire of the Netaji Enquiry Commission to record the oral evidence of Brig. Rahman, together with its enclosure.

Yours sincerely

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(T. Cherpoot)

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Shri N. Dayal,
Second Secretary,
High Commission of India,
Islamabad.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

No.C.551/8/70-JP

18 March, 1971

Dear Shri Agnani,

Please refer to your letter No.25/52/70-Pol.II, dated 30 November, 1970, regarding arrangements requested by the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission for recording the oral evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman.

A letter in original from the Pakistan Foreign Office saying that Mr. Rahman "is of the opinion that no purpose would be served by (his) going to New Delhi or by the visit of the Enquiry Commission to Pakistan" is enclosed for your information and transmission to the Netaji Inquiry Commission for their records.

Yours sincerely

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Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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ISLAMABAD

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The High Commission of India,
in Pakistan,
Islamabad.

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TELEX

No. C/551/8/70-JP

Dated 21.3.71

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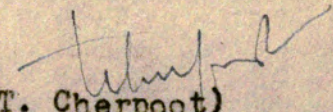
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Madhavan from Das

Refourlet C.551/8/70-JP of 30th
January regarding mater^{-ial} on disappearance of Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose. Grateful telex information
as same required for Parliament question.

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Not to be
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(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (J)

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Embassy of India, (45)
Tokyo

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No.TOK.551(6)70

March 18, 1971.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your telegram No.25/86/70-Poll.II dated 16th March, 1971 confirming the arrival of Netaji Inquiry Commission at Tokyo on March 28. We shall make arrangements to receive the Commission at the airport.

While it has been possible to arrange suitable accommodation for Justice Khosla and Shri D.K. Das according to their entitlement mentioned in your telegram dated 6th March, no hotel accommodation is available for Shri H.L. Kundra, Personal Assistant within his entitlement as the cheaper hotels are already booked up with prior reservations during the period in question. We have, therefore, in anticipation, arranged hotel accommodation for Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. as per a First Grade Officer's status as nothing lower than that was available and would, therefore, request you to issue special sanction to enable Shri H.L. Kundra, Personal Assistant/a First Grade Officer's hotel entitlement for the duration of his stay in Tokyo. This special sanction in respect of Shri Kundra may kindly be communicated to us by telegram immediately as cancelling his tentative hotel booking too late might result in our having to pay heavy cancellation charges. As already mentioned earlier entitled hotel accommodation have already been arranged for Justice Khosla and Shri D.K. Das and in anticipation also for Shri Kundra but at a First Grade Officer's entitlement.

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Yours ever,

The Ministry of Home Affairs
(Under Secretary Shri T.R. Agnani),
New Delhi.

✓ Copy to: Ministry of External Affairs
(Under Secretary Shri T. Cherpoot),
New Delhi, for information.

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Counsellor.

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No. 25/52/70-Poll. II
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NEW DELHI-1, the

22 March, 1971
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Netaji Inquiry Commission - Arrangements for recording evidence of Col. Habibur Rahman.

The Undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. No. 25/52/70-Poll. II, dated the 1st March, 1971 on the subject noted above and to request that the present position in the matter may please be intimated to this Ministry at an early date.

Sd: T.R.Agnani
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri T.Cherpot), Under Secretary (Japan)
New Delhi.

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REFERENCE YOUR TELEX NO. C.551/8/70-JP OF

MARCH 21, 1971, REGARDING MATERIAL ON DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHASH CHDDANDRA BOSE. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

HERE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT

SUCH AS THE ONE MENTIONED IN PARA 6 OF M.P.'S LETTER.

WE ARE CONTINUING FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

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A. Madhavan,
Counsellor.

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March 23, 1971.

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My dear A.K.,

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Please refer to your telex No.S-807 dated 22nd March (and letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 30th January, 1971, from the Ministry) regarding the Netaji Enquiry.

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2. I have now discussed this with the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner.

3. As you know, the information said to be in possession of the U.K. authorities is obviously in the category of wartime intelligence. It is not normally communicated to other governments.

4. We observe that the request to the Ministry has not come from the Enquiry Commission itself.

5. Before proceeding further, it would be necessary for us to have instructions on the following:-

(i) In view of the nature of the enquiry, whether we should approach the U.K. authorities formally for their wartime intelligence reports about Netaji.

(ii) If so, in what terms and at what level the approach should be made.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

A. Madhavan

(A. Madhavan)

Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No.C/551/8/70-JP
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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New Delhi, 15 May, 1971

Office Memorandum

This Ministry wrote to our Missions in the USA, UK, USSR and Japan to obtain reports/material on the disappearance of Netaji in view of certain points raised by Shri Chitta Basu in his letter dated November 2, 1970, addressed to the Prime Minister (copy enclosed).

The following replies have been received:

Tokyo: The name of Netaji does not figure in the lists of war criminals, maintained by the Ministry of Justice in Tokyo.

Moscow: The Mission states that in view of the entry made against the name of Netaji in the Great Soviet Encyclopaedia, i.e. Netaji died during an air crash in 1945, they consider that "it would be of no use to approach the Soviet Government for material on his alleged disappearance".

Washington: No information available.

London: Our High Commission in London asked our opinion on the following two points:

- 1) In view of the nature of the enquiry, whether the Mission should approach the U.K. authorities formally for their wartime intelligence reports about Netaji; and
- ii) if so, in what terms and at what level the approach should be made.

Ministry of Home Affairs are requested to give their opinion on the points raised by our High Commission in London.

It may, however, be repeated that the information was asked for not on the request of the Netaji Enquiry Commission but on that of a Member of Parliament.

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(S.K. Uppal)
Under Secretary(J)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri T.R. Agnani-US Pol.II)

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HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
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P. O. Box No. 836
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No. SIN/101/21/71

April 19, 1971

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated November 29, 1970, regarding the proposed visit of the Netaji Enquiry Commission to Singapore.

2. In response to the letter under reference we had made some queries regarding sitting of the Commission, transport etc. to which no reply has been received from you so far. We understand from the reports published in the newspapers that the Netaji Enquiry Commission has already proceeded to Japan. We shall be grateful for immediate reply to the queries raised in our letter of even number dated February 3, 1971.

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T. Cherpoot,
Under Secretary(J)

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No.C.551/8/70-JP

26 April, 1971.

Dear Shri Agnani,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter No.SIN/
101/21/71, dated 19 April, 1971, from our High Commission
in Singapore, regarding the visit of the Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Singapore.

I shall be grateful if an early reply could be
sent (in duplicate) to the various queries made by
the High Commission in their earlier letter.

Yours sincerely

(T. Cherpoot)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy forwarded to the High Commission of India,
Singapore, for information with reference to their letter
No.SIN/101/21/71, dated 19-4-71.

(T. Cherpoot)
Under Secretary (J)
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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Yours ever

The Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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NEW DELHI-1, the 22nd April, 19 71
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C O R R I G E N D U M.

Subject: Visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan.

The following amendments/additions may be made in this Ministry's order No. 25/36/70-Poll, II, dated 10.3.1971:-

(a) Para 2(1) may be substituted as under;--

'1. Period of deputation: The period of deputation will be 32 days and the deputation will commence on the date, the Commission and the officers leave India viz. 27th March, 1971 and will terminate on the date on which they return to India viz. 27th April, 1971'.

(b) Sub-para under the heading 'Daily allowance, accommodation, tip money, etc. may be substituted as under:-

Daily allowance, accommodation, tip money etc.

S/Shri Khosla and Das will be entitled to split rates of daily allowances as admissible to Grade I Officers during the period spent in Japan and reimbursement of actual expenditure on tips subject to maximum of 10% of accommodation charge--s under the split rates of daily allowance or the 'all inclusive' rate of D.A. in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministries of External Affairs and Finance from time to time.

Shri Kundra will be entitled to split rates/all inclusive rates admissible to Grade II Officers in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministry of External Affairs and Finance. He would, however, be entitled to accommodation while in Japan as admissible to a First Grade Officer.

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(c) Following may be added to para 2 of the order:-

Medical facilities: The Chairman, Secretary of the Commission and P.A. to the Chairman will be entitled to the facilities of medical treatment etc. during their stay in Japan in accordance with the orders contained in the Ministry of External Affairs circular letter No. F.8(2)MP(C.O. 138/56), dated 31.11.1956, as amended from time to time!

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance vide their U.O.No. 3000/HF/71 dated 2.4.1971 and No. 3183/HF/71, dated 7.4.71.

R. Vasudevan

(R. Vasudevan)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

To

1. The Accountant General Central Revenues, New Delhi.
2. The Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo.
3. The Treasury Officer, New Delhi.
4. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), New Delhi.
5. The Ministry of Finance (Department of E.A &
6. The Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.
7. Finance Section (Ministry of Home Affairs)
8. The Ministry of External Affairs.
9. Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank of India Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.
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11. Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to Chairman, Netaji, Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.

R. Vasudevan

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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Dear Commission,

Please refer to your letter No. SIN/101/21/71, dated the 3rd February 1971 to the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the proposed visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Singapore.

2. The Commission is likely to visit Singapore during October/November, 1971. The information in respect of accommodation and stenographic assistance to the Commission during their visit to Singapore has been noted. Necessary sanction for the expenditure to be incurred on the visit of the Commission to Singapore on transport etc. will be issued before the Commission undertake journey in this connection.

Yours ever,

To

The High Commission of India,
Singapore.

No. 24/11/71-Poll.II Dated the 21 May 1971
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Copy forwarded for information to the Ministry of External Affairs with reference to Shri Therpoot's D.O. letter No. C. 551/8/70-JP, dated the 26th April 1971.

Sd/- T.R. Agnani
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Sub: Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Netaji Inquiry Commission which has been set up to inquire into the circumstances of disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandara Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith visited Japan in March/April, 1971. The proposal of the Commission's visit to Japan was approved by the Ministry of External Affairs under their U.O. No. C/551/8/70-JP, dated 5th October, 1970.

2. The Commission have now proposed to visit Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur to record evidence of persons connected with Netaji Subash Chandra Bose now living in these countries/places in October/November, 1971. A copy of the d.o. letter No. 3/7/70-NIC, dated 6th March, 1971 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission is enclosed. It is requested that the approval of the Ministry of External Affairs on the proposed visit of the Commission may kindly be communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

T. R. Agnani
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(T.R. AGNANI)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
(East Asia Division- Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary)
New Delhi.

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Copy of D.O. letter No. 3/7/70-NIC, dated 6th May, 1971 from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary to Netaji Inquiry Commission Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building Parliament Street, New Delhi, addressed to Shri T.R. Agnani, Under Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs. New Delhi. 182

My dear Agnani,

The Commission intend to leave for its round of visits to Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur on the 3rd October, 1971 and return to India on the 11th November, 1971.

2. I enclose herewith two copies of the prescribed pro forma containing the proposal together with explanatory statements showing the basis on which the calculations have been made for further processing. The total expenditure involved is Rs. 19,209 in rupees currency and Rs. 33,235 in foreign currency.

3. As most of the Missions in the places to be visited are not in a position to spare any stenographer and as it is important to have verbatim record of the evidence tendered in all cases the Chairman desires that his P.A. Shri H.L. Kundra should accompany the Commission. The calculations have been made on that basis.

4. Under Contingencies provision has been made for hire of official accommodation where necessary, transport, interpreters and expenses on witnesses.

5. The total expenditure on the proposal of Rs. 42,444 (Rs. 17,209 under 'Travelling Expenses' and Rs. 22,000 under 'Other Charges') will be included in the proposals for allotment of additional funds to the Commission as a result of the extension of its tenure upto 29th February, 1972 which is being sent to the Ministry separately.

6. It is requested that the case may be processed expeditiously and sanction issued as early as possible. In the meantime we are separately intimating the Indian Missions concerned about the arrangements to be made, witnesses to be contacted and publicity, etc to be made.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Subject:- Visit of Netaji Inquiry Commission to Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur - Approval for the.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M.No.24/22/71 Poll.II dated the 21st May, 1971 on the above subject and to request that the approval of the Ministry of External Affairs to the proposed visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission may please be communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

T.R. Agnani

(T.R.AGNANI)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Ministry of External Affairs,
(East Asia Division-Shri A.K.Das,
Deputy Secretary),
New Delhi-11.

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

D.O.No.24/22/71-Poll.II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi,
Dated the 22 June, 1971.

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Dear Shri Das,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's O.M. No.24/22/71-Poll.II, dated the 21st May, 1971 and subsequent reminder of even number dated the 8th June, 1971, regarding your Ministry's approval for the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to various places in East Asia, viz., Rangoon, Bangkok, Saigon, etc. for the purpose of their inquiry.

2. We shall be grateful if the same is expedited, so that necessary action to complete other formalities may be taken by us early.

Yours sincerely,

T.R. Agnani

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Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
(East Asia Division)
New Delhi.

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A.K. Das,
Dy. Secretary(EA)

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No. C/551/8/70-JP.

JUNE 26, 1971. 185

My dear Agnani,

Please refer to correspondence resting with your d.o. No. 24/22/71-Poll.II dated June 22, 1971 regarding the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to various places in South-East Asia.

2. We had already conveyed our clearance in respect of the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, Burma and Hong Kong vide our letter of even number dated November 16, 1970.

3. This Ministry has no objection to the visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Penang and Kuala Lumpur also.

4. The Commission may kindly be advised to inform the concerned Indian Diplomatic Missions well in advance for necessary arrangements under intimation to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(A.K. Das)

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Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Ref. No. Ran.A(A)/551/1/71

Rangoon, 10 June, 1971.

Subject:- Visit of Netaji Enquiry Committee
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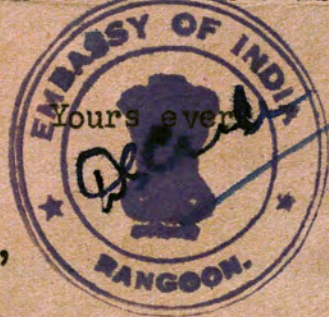
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Please refer to our letter of even No. dated the 28th January, 1971 on the subject noted above. (Your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 29th December, 1970 also refers).

2. We shall be grateful if information on the points raised in our letter under reference is conveyed to us at an early date.



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The Ministry of External Affairs,
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A.K. Das,
Dy. Secretary(EA).

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No. C-551/8/70-JP.

JUNE 26, 1971.

8th July, 71

My dear Agnani,

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Please refer to Cherpoat's letter of even number dated February 8, 1971 enclosing a copy of letter No. RAN.A(A)661/1/71 dated January 28, 1971 from our Embassy in Rangoon.

2. Kindly expedite reply to the points raised in the above mentioned letter from our Embassy in Rangoon.

Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Das)

Shri T.R. Agnani,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Copy to the Embassy of India, Rangoon, with reference to their letter No. RAN.A(A)/551/1/71 dated June 10, 1971.

(A.K. Das)
Deputy Secretary(EA)

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Dy No. 1824/71-Jud-Receipt. pnc

The Ministry of External Affairs are administratively concerned with the subject of "Extradition".

The Pnc which is Resolution passed by the Malabar Indian National Army Unit Committee, Camp Calicut

Suggesting about withdrawal of Extradition Warrant issued by the 'Five Big Powers' against Netaji. The

Pnc may, therefore, be passed on to the Min. of Ex.

Affairs for necessary action.

[Pnc has not been acknowledged.]

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

NEW DELHI-11.

Dated _____

MEMORANDUM

24 MAY 1971

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Communication dated 4/2 is forwarded

to the Ministry of _____

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for appropriate action.

The communication has not been acknowledged.

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for Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister.

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Ministry of Home Affairs,
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Malabar Indian National Army Unit Committee

Convener:

Lt. C. K. SUKUMARAN.

Camp Calicut,

Date 1-2-71.

From

The President,
Indian National Army,
District Committee, c/o. P.S.P. Office,
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To

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
Indian Union,
New Delhi.

Hon'ble Sir,

Sub:- Resolution passed at the I.N.A.
convention of Malabar under the
Chairmanship of Ex. Lt. C.K.
Sukumaran.

The extradition warrant issued by the 'Five Big Powers' against Netaji is still in force. We sincerely believe that Netaji is alive and as such we request to the President of Indian Union and the Prime Minister of India to exert their influence and pressure for the withdrawal of the extradition warrant.

Moved by: C.K.Sukumaran (Ex. Lt) : Sd/-
Seconded by : K.Gopalan (Sub Officer) : Sd/-

Passed unanimously.

President. *[Signature]*

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The President,
Malabar Indian National Army Unit Committee,
Calicut.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter dated February 1, 1971 addressed to the Prime Minister. The contents of your letter have been conveyed to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Das)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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New Delhi-1, the

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OFFICE ORDER

26 MAY 1971

Sanction of the President is hereby accorded under FR 46(b) to the grant of honorarium to the following Stenographers working in the Embassy of India in Tokyo for recording the verbatim proceedings of the sittings of the Netaji Inquiry Commission in Japan on the dates mentioned against each:-

S.No.	Name	Date of recording proceedings	Rate of honorarium per day.	Amount of honorarium sanctioned.
1.	Shri C.P. Gulati	30.3.1971) &) 31.3.1971)	Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-
2.	Shri M.N. Murthy	2.4.71 &) 5.4.1971)	Rs.10/-	20/-
3.	Shri R.C. Sahni	6.4.71 to) 8.4.71)	Rs.10/-	Rs.30/-
4.	Shri V. Subramanyan	12.4.71 &) 13.4.71)	Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-
5.	Shri T.C. Vohra	14.4.71 &) 16.4.71)	Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-
6.	Shri K.P. Rama Iyer	19.4.71 &) 20.4.71)	Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-
7.	Shri L.S. Sivaraman	21.4.71 &) 22.4.71)	Rs.10/- Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-
8.	Shri M.T. Verghese	23.4.71	Rs.10/-	Rs.10/-

2. The work performed was occasional in character and this sanction is issued keeping in view the general principles enunciated in FR 11 and the rates prescribed by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) Office Memorandum No.15(65)-E.II(B)/59, dated 18.1.1960.

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3. The expenditure involved is debitable to Major Head '71-C-Miscellaneous C.1(8)-Commission to enquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 - C.1(8)(1)- Establishment charges under other Revenue Expenditure of the Ministry of Home Affairs for 1971-72.

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(T.R. AGNANI)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No.24/17/71-Poll.II Dated, the

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Copy forwarded to:-

26 MAY 1971

- (1) The Accountant General Central Revenues, New Delhi.
- (2) The Treasury Officer, New Delhi.
- (3) The Accounts I Section (M.H.A.)
- (4) The Ministry of External Affairs (East Asia Division), New Delhi.
- (5) The Embassy of India in Japan, Tokyo.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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Subject: Suggestions of Shri Chitta Basu M.P.,
regarding documents regarding Netaji
available with foreign government

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of External Affairs Office Memorandum No. C/551/8/70-JP, dated the 15th May, 1971 on the above subject and to forward herewith a copy of Netaji Inquiry Commission's letter No.4/38/71- NIC, dated the 29th June, 1971, for such action as they may consider appropriate. It is requested that our High Commission in London may please be approached to obtain the information sought by the Commission.

Sd/-R.C. IYER
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

To
The Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)
NEW DELHI.

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Section Officer.

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Copy of letter No. 4/38/71-NIC, dt. 29.6.1971 from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission to the Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Subject:-Suggestions of Shri Chitta Basu, M.P., regarding documents regarding Netaji available with foreign Governments.

With reference to your letter No. 25/48/70-Poll.II, dated 25th May, 1971 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that our High Commissioner in London may be requested to inquire from the U.K. Government if there are any intelligence or other reports about the whereabouts/ movements of Netaji after 16.8.1945 which might throw some light on his disappearance after 18.8.1945. The High Commissioner may kindly be addressed accordingly.

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S.K. Uppal,
Under Secretary(J).

No.C.551/8/70-JP

18 August, 1971

Dear Shri Madhavan,

I am enclosing a copy of letter No.4/38/71-NIC, dated 29.6.71, from the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission to the Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs. The letter is self explanatory.

The question of information about the whereabouts of Netaji after 16.8.1945 was taken up with the High Commission earlier also and your letter No.POL.69.9.7 dated 23 March, 1971, addressed to Shri A.K. Das, refers.

It is not possible for us to suggest from here as to how inquiries on Netaji's whereabouts should be conducted and we can only request you to use your discretion.

Yours sincerely

S.K. Uppal

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Shri A. Madhavan,
Counsellor,
High Commission of India,
London.

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R.C. IYER,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi, the 10 August, 1971.

Dear Shri Das,

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Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. C-551/8/70-JP, dated 8th July, 1971 to Shri Agnani regarding letter from our Embassy in Rangoon in connection with Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to that country.

2. As you are aware, the proposal for the Commission's visit to various East Asian countries including Burma has since been cleared by the Ministry of External Affairs. Our Embassies/Commissions in the countries, which the Netaji Commission propose to visit (including our Embassy in Rangoon) are shortly being informed of the Commission's provisional itinerary, accommodation, transport and other requirements of the Commission, financial implications etc.

Yours sincerely,

R.C. Iyer
(R.C. IYER)

Shri A.K. Das,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

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Dear Mission,

The Netaji Inquiry Commission which has been constituted to inquire into the circumstances of disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, propose to visit various East Asian countries to record/collect evidence. A copy of the abstract itinerary in this regard is enclosed (Annexure I). The final date of the arrival of the Commission at various places mentioned in the itinerary will be communicated to the Mission in due course.

2. The party will consist of the following officers of the Commission:-

- (i) Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman of the Commission.
(For the purpose of accommodation his status is that of Head of Mission, when not accompanied by his wife).
- (ii) Shri D.K. Das, Secretary of the Commission.
(1st Grade Officer).
- (iii) Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to the Chairman of the Commission (2nd Grade Officer).

3. It is requested that the following assistance may kindly be rendered to the Commission on their visit. In this connection Ministry of External Affairs letter No.C/551/3/70-JP, dated 23.12.70 also refers:-

- (1) Accommodation: Accommodation as admissible to Sarvashri G.D. Khosla, D.K. Das and H.L. Kundra may please be arranged for the period of their stay in the country of your Mission. The date of their arrival etc. will be communicated as soon as their programme is finalised.
- (2) Transport: Arrangements may kindly be made to receive the Commission at the Airport on arrival and to see them off on departure. A car may also be placed at the disposal of the Commission during the period of its stay, by hiring a taxi locally, if necessary.

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- (3) Sittings of the Commission: A large room for the Commission to sit and record oral evidence and a retiring room for the Chairman may please be arranged within the premises of the Mission. In case, however, it is not possible to provide such accommodation within the premises of the Mission, the accommodation may please be hired in a Hotel as near as possible to the Mission's building.
- (4) Reporters: One or two stenographers from the Mission's staff may please be spared to help the P.A. to the Chairman to record evidence tendered before the Commission.
- (5) Liaison Officer: An officer of the Mission may kindly be deputed to assist the Commission as Liaison Officer during its stay.
- (6) Interpreters: An interpreter may kindly be provided to the Commission either from the Mission's Staff or on hire, in order to enable the Commission to record evidence of the local witnesses who might not know English.
- (7) Two or three typewriters may please be provided to the Commission either from the typewriters available with the Mission or on hire locally.

4. Action in respect of the points mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may please be taken when the programme of the Commission is finalised and intimated to you. It is, however, requested that following action may please be taken sufficiently in advance to publicise the visit and programme of the Commission and invite persons who may desire to send memoranda or furnish oral evidence before the Commission:

(1) List of witnesses: A list of possible witnesses whose names have come to the notice of the Commission together with their last known addresses and other details is sent herewith (Annexure II). It is requested that their present whereabouts may be ascertained immediately. Their present addresses (in case they are still alive) may please be communicated to the Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, 2nd Floor, Reserve Bank Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi, direct so that the Commission may draw up a programme for recording their oral evidence.

(2) Notice in the Press: A public notice in the local press or through any other publicity medium, as may be considered suitable, may please be issued regarding the Commission's sittings, giving the venue, hours, etc.

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While doing so, the following two important points may please be highlighted:-

- (i) that the sittings are open to the public.
- (ii) the notice may invite persons who may have information/material connected with Netaji during his stay in the Far East countries, either to send written memoranda or to come forward in person to give oral evidence provided the Government of the Country in question have no objection to this.

Notice to this effect may please be issued immediately. Another notice, indicating the place of sitting etc., may also please be issued when the programme of the Commission is finalised and communicated to you.

(3) Local Government's permission: In order to ensure that the persons who may be willing to give evidence before the Commission do not suffer from any inhibitions or fear of possible repercussions from their Government, the Mission may, if considered necessary, approach the local Government to make an announcement to the effect that they have no objection whatsoever to such persons coming forward to give evidence.

(4) Summons: The form of summons used in India to call witnesses is enclosed (Annexure III). This form is based on the legal powers with which the Commission is vested within India. The Mission is requested to issue letters to the witnesses in such form as may be considered appropriate, keeping in view the fact that the Commission has no power to compel the attendance of witnesses who are not citizens of India.

5. It is also requested that the programme may please be adjusted in such a manner as is considered suitable according to the local working hours. The Commission would, however, sit for two hours and a half before lunch break and for about two hours to two hours and a half after lunch. The lunch break would be for about one hour and a half. There would be no sittings on the local holidays.

6. A copy each of the Government notification regarding the appointment of the Commission, notification issued by

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The Commission inviting statements and a specimen of the notice issued in the Press regarding the sittings of the Commission at various places in India are also enclosed for reference (Annexure IV, V and VI).

7. The expenditure in respect of the deputation of the Commission will be met from the budget grant sanction for the Commission for the year 1971-72, if necessary, by valid re-appropriation. Necessary foreign exchange will also be released for this purpose.

(This disposes of:-

- (i) the Embassy of India, Bangkok's letter No. BAN/122/2/71, dated 15.1.1971 to the Ministry of External Affairs.
- (ii) the Consulate General of India, Saigon's letter No. SAI/444/1/71, dated 14.1.71 to the Ministry of External Affairs. (The International Control Commission and the U.S. Embassy in Delhi are being approached separately on the points mentioned by them).
- (iii) the Embassy of India, Rangoon's letter No. RAN.A(A) 551/1/71, dated 23.1.71 to the Ministry of External Affairs.
- (iv) the High Commission of India, Singapore's letter No. SIA/101/21/71, dated 3.2.71 to the Ministry of External Affairs.
- (v) the Commission of India, Hong Kong's letter No. HDN. 551(1)/71, dated 14.1.71 to the Ministry of External Affairs).

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- 1) The Embassy of India, Bangkok.
- 2) The Commission of India, Hong Kong.
- 3) The Embassy of India, Burma (Rangoon).
- 4) The High Commission of India, Singapore.
- 5) The Consulate General of India, Saigon.
- 6) The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur.

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No. 24/22/71-Poll.II. Dated the

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Copy forwarded to:-

(1) The Ministry of External Affairs (East Asia Division - with copy of Annexure I).

2. It is requested that as advised by the Consulate General, Saigon (vide Consulate's letter No. SAI/444/1/71, dated 14.1.71 addressed to Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs' D.O. letter C-551/8/70-JP, dated 29.1.71) our Delegation to the International Commission may be approached for providing stenographic/liaison assistance to the Commission. The U.S. Embassy in India may also please be approached to provide air transport facilities for witnesses for the Commission in Indo-China.

3. As desired by our Embassy at Rangoon (vide Embassy's letter No. RAN.A(A)551/1/71 dated 28.1.71 and Ministry of External Affairs' D.O. letter No. C-551/8/70-JP dated 8.2.71) the Burmese Embassy in India may also please be advised about the Commission's visit to Burma.

Sd/-R.C. Iyer
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Sharma
Section Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs

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As. for (2) above our mission in Saigon has already taken necessary action vide the letter no. SAI/444/1/71 of 23/9/71.
(3) Burma govt. has already been informed.

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HETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

Abstract itinerary for visit to Rangoon, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Penang, Bangkok, Saigon and Hongkong.

Oct 10 (Sun)	Dep. Delhi Arr. Rangoon (via Calcutta)
Oct 11 (Mon)-12 (Tues)	Halt at Rangoon
Oct 13 (Wed)	Dep. Rangoon Arr. Kuala Lumpur (via Bangkok)
Oct 14 (Thur)-16 (Sat)	Halt at Kuala Lumpur
Oct 17 (Sun)	Dep. Kuala Lumpur Arr. Singapore
Oct 18 (Mon)-23 (Sat)	Halt at Singapore
Oct 24 (Sun)	Dep. Singapore Arr. Penang
Oct 25 (Mon)-26 (Tues)	Halt at Penang
Oct 27 (Wed)	Dep. Penang Arr. Bangkok
Oct 28 (Thurs) - -Nov 6 (Sat)	Halt at Bangkok
Nov 7 (Sun)	Dep. Bangkok Arr. Saigon
Nov 8 (Mon)-10 (Wed)	Halt at Saigon (if possible visit Tourane).
Nov 11 (Thur)	Dep. Saigon Arr. Hongkong
Nov 12 (Fri) -17 (Wed)	Halt at Hongkong
Nov 18 (Thurs)	Dep. Hongkong Arr. Delhi.

Total number of days - 40.

NO. D-5918/71-POLL, II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(GRIH MANTRALAYA)

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To

The Secretary,
Netaji Inquiry Commission,
Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building,
Parliament Street, NEW DELHI.

NEW DELHI:- the ¹⁷ Sept. 1971
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Subject:- Petition filed by the All India Forward
Block before the Commission regarding the
production of documents by the Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 4/23/70-NG,
dated 10.9.71 on the above subject and to say that the
matter is under consideration in consultation with the
Ministry of External Affairs. The Commission will be
informed as soon as a decision is taken in the matter

Yours faithfully,

Sch -
(R.C. IYER)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

NO. D-5918/71- Poll-II

Dated:- 17.9.71.

Copy forwarded to the Ministry of External
Affairs in continuation of this Ministry's U.O. No.
24/27/71-POLL, II, dated 4.9.71. It is requested that
the disposal and return of papers may please be
expedited.

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AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE

Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
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(R.C. IYER)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

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TELEGRAMS: "COMIND" HONGKONG
TEL. No. 770635

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No. 5121/55(EA)/71 SECRET

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COMMISSION OF INDIA
TOWER COURT, HYSAN AVENUE
HONG KONG

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No.HON.551(1)/71.

13th September, 1971.

My dear Shri Paranjpe,

You might have seen a copy of letter No.24/22/71-Poll.II dated 1st September, 1971 from the Ministry of Home Affairs addressed to six Missions in Southeast Asia regarding the proposed visit of the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. I feel strongly that the nature of the proposed witness (Shri Pritam Singh) and the cost involved in the Commission's visit are not commensurate with the results that the Commission could hope to get, particularly in view of the urgent need for economy in expenditure. I have, therefore, suggested to the Ministry of Home Affairs that they might like to advise the Commission to drop Hong Kong and instead try again to get the Taiwan. In this context you may recall that it was your view that it may not be too difficult to get Taiwanese authorities to agree to the visit of Khosla Commission at some stage (Your letter No.118/DEA/71 dated 8th January, 1971). Perhaps the time is now appropriate for us to make a try. I would be grateful for your advice.

3. The letter to the Ministry of Home Affairs is enclosed in original along with a copy for you, with this letter. I have not sent it in the normal course because I am not sure which Joint Secretary deals with this Commission. I would be grateful if you could pass it on to the right person.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.N. Rangarajan)

Shri V.V. Paranjpe,
Joint Secretary (EA),
MEA (Videsh Mantralaya),
New Delhi.

COMMISSIONER

TELEGRAMS: "COMIND" HONGKONG

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TOWER COURT, HYSAN AVENUE
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No.HON.551(1)/71.

13th September, 1971.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.24/22/71-Poll.II dated the 1st September, 1971 on the subject of the visit to Southeast Asia of the one-man Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. It is noticed that, according to the proposed schedule of visits, the Commission does not propose to visit Taiwan. So far there is only one witness, Mr. Pritam Singh, who is proposed to be examined at Hong Kong during 12.11.71 to 17.11.71.
3. From our records it is seen that earlier the Commission considered it "imperative to pay a visit to Formosa, inspect the site and see the topography of that area and test the authenticity of certain photographs of the alleged air crash on 18.8.1945" (vide D.O. No.8/1/70.N.I.C. dated 24.11.1970 from the Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission to the Ministry of Home Affairs and copy to the Ministry of External Affairs). This visit could not take place due to certain difficulties in obtaining the necessary visas. It was then considered appropriate to postpone the visit to a time when another approach could be made in more favourable conditions.
4. We are writing to the Ministry of External Affairs to enquire whether discreet approaches could be made to the Taiwanese authorities to find out whether a visit by the Commission at the present stage would be considered more favourably by them.
5. As far as Hong Kong is concerned, this Commission is of the view that, considering the nature of the witness to be examined, the expenditure involved in the visit may not prove worthwhile. According to the present schedule the three-man party of the Commission would be staying in Hong Kong from the 11th November to the 18th i.e. for 7 nights. We are attaching to this letter the statement indicating the daily expenditure for the entire party. It would be noted that the daily expenditure would be approximately HK\$1,335/- (Rs.1,651.55). Thus for 7 days the total expenditure would be HK\$9,345/- (Rs.11,560.85). Some additional expenditure by way of advertising charges for publishing notes in the 4 English and 4 major Chinese language newspapers would have to be incurred. The total cost, in foreign exchange, excluding the cost of passages of the members of the team, is likely to be more than Rs.13,000/-.
6. Since there appears to be at present time only one witness, it is not clear why the Commission proposes to stay for 7 days. However, it is also noticed that the Commission is of the view that a few more witnesses are likely to be added when information about them becomes available. We presume that the few more witnesses referred to would be people from Taiwan who may have direct evidence to give on the alleged air crash. Presumably this course is to be adopted because of the difficulty of getting Taiwanese visas referred to earlier. This Commission has doubts on two aspects of getting Taiwanese witnesses. Firstly, we are not sure that it is impossible for the Enquiry Commission to go to Taiwan and that Taiwanese witnesses could

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be brought to Hong Kong. Secondly, we are not sure that Mr. Pritam Singh would be the best person to arrange for the production of the appropriate witnesses from Taiwan.

7. This Commission is of the view that Mr. Pritam Singh's contacts in Taiwan are not as good as he makes them out to be. He attempts to give an impression of having good contacts partly in order to get into the good books of the Taiwanese authorities where the firm with which he works (Harilelas) has considerable business interests and partly to increase his standing in the eyes of the Government of India as an intermediary between the two Governments. This Commission, as well as the Ministry of External Affairs, are of the view that the activities of Mr. Pritam Singh are designed primarily to the furtherance of his and his firm's interest. For further information on Mr. Pritam Singh, the Ministry of Home Affairs may like to contact Shri V.V. Paranjpe, Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, who has long personal experience of this gentleman.

8. We would further like to add that Shri Pritam Singh is unlikely to produce evidence of significance to the Commission. In view of the fact that over Rs.13,000 would be spent in foreign exchange on the doubtful possibility of Shri Pritam Singh being able to produce reliable witnesses from Taiwan, we feel that the Ministry of Home Affairs may like to suggest the Commission the possibility of dropping Hong Kong from the proposed visit. In any case, if a visit to Taiwan fructifies, Hong Kong would inevitably be a stopping point enroute to Taipei.

9. If, however, the Commission still feels that Shri Pritam Singh would have to be examined personally, it might be cheaper in terms of total cost to provide an Air India ticket for this witness to go to Delhi for his examination. We would also save all the foreign exchange expenditure. This Commission feels it unnecessary to add that, in the present economic situation, we have been repeatedly urging to practice the economy in all possible ways - an injunction that no doubt applies to all Departments/Ministries.

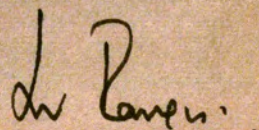
10. Lastly, we would like to reiterate that the intention, at the time of postponing the visit to Taiwan, was to make another attempt at a later date. Perhaps such an attempt could now be made. Ministry of Home Affairs might like to consider the possibility of reviving this proposal.

Yours ever,

Commission

Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

✓ Copy to Shri V.V. Paranjpe, Joint Secretary(EA), MEA (Videsh Mantralaya), New Delhi.


(L.N. Rangarajan)

The daily expense for the entire party would be as follows:

- (i) Suite for Chairman of the Commission - HK\$ 360 (incl. 10% service charges & 2% Govt. tax).
- (ii) Room rent for a First Grade Officer - HK\$ 85 (-do-)
- (iii) Room rent for a Second Grade Officer - HK\$ 63 (-do-)
- (iv) Daily allowance to Chairman of the Commission - HK\$60
- (v) Daily allowance to I Grade Officer - HK\$60
- (vi) Daily allowance to II Grade Officer - HK\$45
- (vii) A large room for the Commission to sit and record oral evidence - HK\$212
- (viii) Cost of hiring a chaeuffeur-driven car to be placed at the disposal of the Commission - HK\$220
- (ix) Cost of hiring interpreters (if available) -HK\$200
- (x) Cost of hiring 2 typewriters -HK\$ 30

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Total:HK\$1,335.00

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V.V. Paranjpe,
Joint Secretary(EA),

No. C/551/8/70 JP

September 15, 1971.

→ SL No 127

Please refer to your letter
No.HON.551(1)/71 dated 13th September, 1971.

2. I entirely agree with you that the Commission need not bother itself to visit Hong Kong for the sake of interviewing a person like Pritam Singh. I am accordingly advising the Home Ministry. However, I am not too sure that the MHA will be able to dissuade the Commission from visiting an attractive place like Hong Kong or that the Commission would drop its visit to Hong Kong.

With kind regards,

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(V.V. Paranjpe)

Shri L.N. Rangarajan,
Commissioner of India,
Hong Kong.

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Commissioner



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No. HON.551(1)/71.

Dated the 22nd September, 1971

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My dear Mr. Paranjpe,

Thanks for your letter No. C/551/8/70-JP,
dated the 15th September, 1971 and for your efforts
to persuade the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Yours sincerely,
L.N. Rangarajan
(L.N. Rangarajan)

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Shri V.V. Paranjpe,
Joint Secretary(EA),
M.E.A.(Videsh Mantralaya),
New Delhi.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
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No. SAI/44/1/71.

September 23, 1971.

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Subject:- Proposed Visit of Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Saigon.

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Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No. 24/22/71-Poli. II dated the 1st September, 1971 on the above subject.

2. The contents of your communication have been carefully noted and action has been initiated.

3. Your para 3. The position relating to points mentioned thereunder has already been explained in detail in our letter of even number dated the 14th January, 1971 to the Ministry of External Affairs to which a reference has been made by you. It is presumed that as already suggested matter relating to Transport, Reporters, a Liaison Officer, Interpreters, Typewriters, etc., has already been taken up with the Indian Delegation to ICSC, Saigon for necessary assistance in this regard so as to keep the expenditure to inescapable level. You may like to endorse a copy of the communication addressed to the Indian Delegation to the ICSC, Saigon, to this Consulate for information and necessary coordination.

4. Your para 4(1) - Annexure II. On the basis of the information contained therein we had addressed separate communications to M/S. Chotimall & Cie., Saigon regarding Mr. RAMNEO GOSAI and to MR. MIR GHULAM DASTAGIR. Whereas, the whereabouts of Mr. Gosai are not known to us and according to information collected he left for India in 1957; Mr. Mir Ghulam Dastagir who is at present at 120, Chi Long, Hue, and has been contacted, is likely to be hospitalised and away from Saigon from the 24th September till the end of December, 1971. He met the Consul General yesterday and apart from the fact that he had met Netaji at Da Nang, he had no other material evidence to offer. The copies of communications received from M/S. Chotimall Company and Mr. Dastagir are enclosed herewith for your ready reference. A separate set of enclosure is also attached for the information of Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission.

5. The programme relating to the visit of the Commission will be finalised on getting confirmation about the dates of visit of the Commission as well as other points raised in the preceding paragraphs.

Yours ever,

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Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

Copy to Min. of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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The Consul,
Consulate General of India,
Saigon

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 14th september, 1971, I beg to inform you that I am leaving Vietnam on 24th September, 1971 for Hongkong. As I have to undergo an operation in Hongkong, I will be hospitalised there for 8 weeks. Thereafter, I will be visiting India to meet my relatives etc. and am expected to return to S. Vietnam by the end of December, 1971. I, however, assure you that as and when I return to Saigon I will inform you.

I am extremely sorry that due to the above mentioned reasons I will not be in Saigon in November and cannot give the required evidence.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(MIR GHULAM DASTAGIR)

Present address:

120, Chi Long,
Hue.

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K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL & CIE

34-36 Phan Boi Chau, Saigon.

No. 27/108/71.

Saigon, 13th September, 1971.

Consulate General of India,
SAIGON

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter No. SAI/444/1/71 dated 9th instant regarding the information required to your good selves of Mr. RAMNEO GOSAI.

Please note that Mr. RAMNEO GOSAI was in our services before 1957 as Watchman (Chokidar) and worked more than ten years.

He left our services during the year of 1957 and went back to India.

After his departure from here to India in 1957, and up to date, we have not any information about him and we do not know his present address. Therefore it is not possible for us to light on Mr. Gosai's present whereabouts.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For K.A.J. Chotirmall & Co.,

Sd/-
MANAGER.

No. SAI/444/1/71.

1st October, 1971.

Subject:- Proposed Visit of Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Saigon.

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Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to our letter of even number of the
23rd September, 1971.

2. Reference para 4(2) of your letter. A letter has been addressed to the Presidents of all the Indian Associations in the Republic of Vietnam intimating to them the arrival of the Commission in early November and requesting them to circulate the necessary information in this regard to all the members of their Associations in the Republic of Vietnam for their information and requesting to come forward in person such of the individuals who may have information and material connected with Netaji, to give oral evidence or to send written memoranda in this connection. The fact that the sittings of the Commission will be open to the public has also been notified to them.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam has also been notified about the arrival of the Commission with the request that if considered necessary the Government of South Vietnam may like to issue a press note to the effect that they have no objection whatsoever to any person who may be willing to give evidence and appear before the Commission. A copy of the letter addressed to the Presidents of the Indian Associations as well as to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Vietnam is enclosed for ready reference.

4. After the hotel accommodation etc. has been confirmed, the firm date of the arrival of the Commission will be notified giving the venue, timing and dates of the proposed sittings of the Commission by way of information through the medium of press (which is very expensive) as well as by addressing the Presidents of Indian Associations etc.

5. Necessary arrangements to make the visit of the Commission a success are in hand but at the same time kindly confirm as requested in our letter referred to above that in so far as the question relating to transport, Reporters, a Liaison Officer, Interpreters, typewriters, etc. is concerned, it has already been taken up with the Indian Delegation to ICSC, Saigon for necessary assistance in this regard. It is requested that a copy of the communication addressed to them in this regard may kindly be forwarded to us for necessary information and coordination.

6. The firm dates of the arrival of the Commission have not so far been communicated either to the Press or by way of information to the Indian Community through the Presidents of

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Indian Associations just in case there is any variation the same will be done at the appropriate time after the firm dates have been notified and hotel accommodation etc. have been confirmed. Kindly let us know if there is any change in the programme as also whether anything else over and above what has already been arranged, is required.

7. The financial sanction relating to the terms of the visit of the Commission has not been received so far. Please expedite as in the absence of the same it would not be possible for this Consulate to make any payments etc.

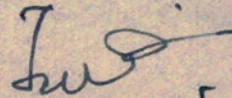
Yours ever,

MISSION

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

Copy to:

- ✓ 1. The Ministry of External Affairs with reference to their letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated the 29th December, 1970.
2. The Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission, Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-I with reference to his letter No.3/11/71-NC dated the 16th September, 1971.



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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

No. SAI/444/1/71.

September 29, 1971.

1. Mr. Muthu Chettiar, President, Chettiar Association, 27, Ton That Thiep, Saigon.
2. Mr. M.A. Mohamed Ibrahim, 47, Nguyen Hue, Saigon.
3. Mr. Kishin Daryamanji, President, Bombay Silk Merchants' Association, 34-36, Phan Boi Chau, Saigon
4. Mr. Karupiah Pillai, President, Tamil Dajana Sangham, 45, Truong Cong Dinh, Saigon.
5. Mr. Pooran Singh, President, Sinh Association, 46, Ton That Thiep, Saigon.
6. The President, Administrative Committee of the Jamia Mosque and Madarsa, 66, Duong Thai Lap Thanh, Saigon.

Dear Sir,

The Netaji Enquiry Commission which has been constituted by the Government of India to enquire into the circumstances of disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, headed by Mr. Justice C.D. Khosla, will be visiting Saigon in the first week of November 1971. All individuals who may have information/material connected with Netaji during his stay in Far-Eastern countries and especially the cities and provinces which now constitute the Republic of Vietnam, are requested to send their written memoranda or to come forward in person to give oral evidence. This is by way of advance information and the duration of Commission's sittings with place and time will be notified by the Consulate General when finalised. The sittings of the Commission will be open to the members of the public.

2. You are requested to bring it to the notice of all the members of your esteemed Association so that all the information/material connected with Netaji in so far as the Republic of Vietnam is concerned could be collected by the Enquiry Commission during its stay in Saigon.

Yours faithfully,

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

No. SAI/444/1/71.

September 24, 1971.

The Consulate General of India present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam and have the honour to state that Netaji Enquiry Commission headed by Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla which has been constituted by the Government of India to enquire in the circumstances of the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945, proposes to visit Saigon in early November this year for the purpose of collecting evidence relating thereto. For the success of the Mission it is necessary to collect oral as well as written evidence from ~~Indians~~ individuals who knew him or met him in Vietnam. In order to ensure that the persons who may be willing to give evidence do not suffer from any restrictions, the Government of the Republic of Vietnam may consider the possibility of making an announcement to the effect that they have no objection whatsoever to any persons who may be willing to give evidence before the Commission. A Press Note is also being issued by the Consulate General notifying the arrival of the Commission and the purpose of its visit.

The Consulate General of India avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam the assurances of their highest consideration.

Consulate General of India

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Vietnam,
SAIGON

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R.C. IYER,
Under Secretary.

New Delhi, the 27 September, 1971.

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Dear Mission,

Please refer to your letter No. HON.551(1)/71, dated the 13th September, 1971 on the visit to South-East Asia of the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. The contents of your letter have been brought to the notice of the Commission. It is, no doubt, known to you that the Commission would like to pay a visit to Formosa to see the site of the alleged accident, as also to examine witnesses. In spite of their best efforts, which were initiated nearly a year ago, nothing could be arranged to make a visit to Formosa possible at that stage.

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3. In any case, the Commission have considered the points raised in your letter and are of the view that their visit to Hong Kong could serve a useful purpose and that it is not necessary to cancel the visit at this stage.

4. Accordingly, I am desired to request that you may kindly make available to them the necessary facilities, as already requested in our letter of even number of the 1st September, 1971.

Yours ever,

Commission of India,
Tower Court, Hysan Avenue,
HONG KONG

Ministry

Copy to Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, 2nd Floor, Reserve Bank Bldg., Parliament Street, New Delhi.

Copy to Shri A.K. Das, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs. The observations of the Min. of E.A., vide their note of J.S. (Shri Paranjape) have been considered by the Commission and they do not consider that any purpose would be served by postponement of their visit to Hong Kong at this stage.

R.C. IYER
(R.C. IYER)
Under Secretary (Pol.I).

Although the Commission is not visiting Taiwan, it still inserts on going to Hong Kong.

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No. 24/22/71-Poll.II
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

IMMEDIATE

New Delhi-1, the 27 September, 1971

ORDER

Subject: Visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to foreign countries.

Sanction of the President is hereby accorded to the deputation of:-

- (i) Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission.
- (ii) Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.
- (iii) Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to the Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission.

to Rangoon (Burma), Bangkok (Thailand), Saigon (S. Vietnam), Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang (Malaya) and Kaula Lumpur (Malaya) for purpose of inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

The term and conditions of deputation are as follows:-

- (i) Period of deputation: The period of deputation will be 40 (forty) days and the deputation will commence on the date the Commission and the offices leave India viz. 10.10.71 and will terminate on the date on which they return to India.
- (ii) Pay and Allowances: Full pay and allowances as admissible to them in India, will be payable in rupees.
- (iii) Passage: Shri Khosla will be entitled to travel by air by Standard (1st) Class both ways at his option and Sarvashri Das and Kundra will be entitled to travel by Air by Economy Class both ways.
- (iv) Daily allowance, accommodation, tip money etc.

Sarvashri Khosla and Das will be entitled to split rates of daily allowances as admissible to Grade I Officers during the period spent in the places mentioned in para 1 above and reimbursement of actual expenditure on tips subject to the maximum of 10% of accommodation charges under the

split rates of daily allowance or the 'all inclusive' rate of D.A. in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministries of External Affairs and Finance from time to time.

Shri Kundra will be entitled to split rates/ 'all inclusive' rates admissible to Grade II Officers in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministries of External Affairs and Finance.

(v) Carriage of official papers: The Official records during onward and return journey will be carried at Government expense as air cargo. Expenditure on this account will not exceed the sum of Rs. 2,000 (Rupees two thousand only).

(vi) Medical facilities: The Chairman, Secretary of the Commission and P.A. to the Chairman will be entitled to the facilities of medical treatment etc. during their stay in places mentioned in para 1 above, in accordance with the orders contained in the Ministry of External Affairs Circular letter No. F.8(2)MP(00.138/56), dated 30.11.1956 as amended from time to time.

(vii) Entitlement to Head of Mission treatment: Shri Khosla will be entitled to 'head of a mission' treatment, when not accompanied by his wife, terms of accommodation during the period of deputation.

(viii) Contingent expenditure on hiring of taxis, office accommodation, typewriters etc. and Daily allowance/Travelling allowance to witnesses.

Shri Khosla is authorised to sanction expenses on hiring of taxis, hiring of office accommodation, hiring of typewriters etc. and grant of Daily allowance/Travelling allowance to witnesses upto a total of Rs. 20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand only) (in local currency) at the places of their visit as indicated below:-

(a)	(a) Rangoon	Rs. 1,200.00
	(b) Bangkok	Rs. 7,000.00
	(c) Saigon	Rs. 2,000.00
	(d) Hong Kong	Rs. 3,500.00
	(e) Singapore	Rs. 3,500.00
	(f) Penang	Rs. 1,200.00
	(g) Kuala Lumpur	Rs. 1,600.00

Total Rs. 20,000.00

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3. The Embassy of India, Bangkok/The Commission of India, Hong Kong/The Embassy of India, Burma (Rangoon)/The High Commission of India, Singapore/The Consulate General of India, Saigon/The High Commission of India, Kaula Lumpur are hereby authorised to make payments of D.A. to Sarvashri Khosla, Das and Kundra in local currency as admissible to them during their stay in the respective countries. They are also authorised to make payment to Shri Khosla for incurring expenditure on hiring of taxis, office accommodation, typewriters etc. and for making payment of daily allowance/travelling allowance to witnesses etc. as indicated in para 1 (viii) above. They are authorised to make payments in question in accordance with the terms sanctioned in this order without waiting for any other authority. The Ministry of Finance have agreed to this sanction being regarded as an authority for payments.

4. The expenditure involved will be met by re-appropriation from the sanctioned budget grant of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 1971-72.

5. This sanction issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their U.O. No. 7244-HF/71 dated 25.9.1971.

B.K. Goswami
(B.K. GOSWAMI)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Copy to:-

- (1) The Accountant General, Central Revenues, New Delhi.
- (2) The Treasury Officer, New Delhi.
- (3) The Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) New Delhi.
- (4) The Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of EA), New Delhi.
- (5) The Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.
- (6) The Finance Section (MHA).
- (7) The Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, with reference to their letter No. C/551/8/70-JP, dated 26.6.1971.
- (8) Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
- (9) Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission Reserve Bank Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi (with one spare copy for Commission's record).
- (10) Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to the Chairman, Netaji Inquiry Commission, Reserve Bank Building, New Delhi.

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- (4) The High Commission of India, Singapore.
- (5) The Consulate General of India, Saigon.
- (6) The High Commission of India, Kaula Lumpur.

in continuation of this Ministry's letter No. 24/22/71-Poll.
II dated 1.9.1971.

B.K. Goswami
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This is meant for East Asia Dvn., of the
Ministry of External Affairs to whom this may be passed
on.

AR
(A.R.Goel) 22/10/71
Section Officer
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Ministry of Ex.Affairs (East Asia Dvn.,)

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By. No. 2252-ED/71
Dated 20/10/71

New Delhi, the 15 October, 1971.

Dear Mission,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No. SAI/444/1/71, dated 23rd September, 1971, regarding Netaji Inquiry Commission's visit to Saigon.

2. There is no change in the Commission's programme of visit to Saigon, as communicated under this Ministry's letter No. 24/22/71-Poll. II., dated 1st September, 1971.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs have already been requested to approach the Indian Delegation to I.C.S.C. Saigon in respect of transport etc. for the Commission during their visit to Saigon.

Yours ever,

MINISTRY

Consulate General of India,
SAIGON.

Copy together with a copy of letter No. SAI/444/1/71, dated 23rd September, 1971 from the Consulate General of India, Saigon forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs in continuation of this Ministry's endorsement No. 24/22/71-Poll. II., dated 1.9.1971. It is requested that action on para 1 of the Consulate General's letter may please be taken immediately under intimation to this Ministry.

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Under Secretary (Pol.I).

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
213, Duong Tu-Do
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No. SAI/444/1/71

September 23, 1971.

Subject:- Proposed Visit of Netaji Enquiry
Commission to Saigon.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No. 24/22/71-Poll.II dated the 1st September, 1971 on the above subject.

2. The contents of your communication have been carefully noted and action has been initiated.
3. Your para 3. The position relating to points mentioned thereunder has already been explained in detail in our letter of even number dated the 14th January, 1971 to the Ministry of External Affairs to which a reference has been made by you. It is presumed that as already suggested matter relating to Transport, Reporters, a Liaison Officer, Interpreters, Type-writers, etc., has already been taken up with the Indian Delegation to ICSC, Saigon for necessary assistance in this regard so as to keep the expenditure to inescapable level. You may like to endorse a copy of the communication addressed to the Indian Delegation to the ICSC, Saigon, to this Consulate for information and necessary coordination.
4. Your para 4(1) - Annexure II. On the basis of the information contained therein we had addressed separate communications to M/s. Chotirmall & Cie., Saigon regarding Mr. RAMNEO GOSAI and to MR. MIR GHULAM DASTAGIR. Whereas, the whereabouts of Mr. Gosai are not known to us and according to information collected he left for India in 1957; Mr. Mir Ghulam Dastagir who is at present at 120, Chi Long, Hue, and has been contacted, is likely to be hospitalised and away from Saigon from the 24th September till the end of December, 1971. He met the Consul General yesterday and apart from the fact that he had met Netaji at Da Nang, he had no other material evidence to offer. The copies of communications received from M/s. Chotirmall Company and Mr. Dastagir are enclosed herewith for your ready reference. A separate set of enclosure is also attached for the information of Secretary, Netaji Enquiry Commission.
5. The programme relating to the visit of the Commission will be finalised on getting confirmation about the dates of visit of the Commission as well as other points raised in the preceding paragraphs.

Yours ever,

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

S.K. Uppal,
Under Secretary(J)

C.551/8/70-JP

25 October, 1971

My dear Leader of Indian Delegation,

As you must be knowing, the Netaji Inquiry Commission constituted to inquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose in 1945 and connected developments, headed by Justice Shri G.D. Khosla, will be visiting Saigon from the 7th to the 11th November. You are requested to assist the Commission by providing transport facilities, services of Interpreters, Reporters with typewriters and a Liaison Officer, etc. You are also requested to get in touch with our Consul-General in Saigon for obtaining any further details about the visit of this Commission to Saigon.

Yours sincerely

o/v

(S.K. Uppal)

The Leader of Indian Delegation,
ICSC, Saigon.

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Copy forwarded to the Consul-General of India, Saigon, with reference to his letter No.SAI/444/1/71, dated 23 September, 1971, for information.

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Under Secretary(J)

Copy forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, (Shri R.C. Iyer,US)New Delhi, for information with reference to their letter No.24/22/71-Pol.II, dated 15 October, 1971.

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Under Secretary(J)

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

No. SAI/444/1/71.

October 20, 1971.

Subject: - Proposed visit of the Netaji Inquiry
Commission to Saigon.

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Dear Ministry,

Kindly refer to the correspondence resting with our letter of even number dated the 1st October, 1971 on the above subject. We have now been informed by the Foreign Office of the Republic of Vietnam, who had been informed about the arrival of the Commission and its purpose, that they have no objection to the Commission collecting oral as well as written evidence from Indian/Vietnamese nationals. Therefore, in addition to the letter which had been addressed to all the Presidents of Indian Associations, a press note (copy attached) has also been issued for publication in the local English Daily.

2. The Presidents of Indian Associations have also been contacted personally and they have been requested to once again bring it to the notice of all the esteemed members of their Associations both at Saigon and in the provinces about the visit of the Commission and its purpose so that individuals having information/material connected with Netaji may come forward in numbers to give their oral evidence before the Commission or submit a written memoranda. Three or four names have been suggested by old timers here of individuals who may be able to help the Commission and these persons are being contacted for the purpose in view. We are not in a position to promise anything more at the present in spite of best of our efforts.

3. Provisional hotel accommodation according to requirement i.e. a suite, two de luxe rooms and a single room in hotel Continental which is just across the road from our Chancery at 213, Tu Do. This is what was desired by the Commission. The charges for the suites only are around VN\$3500, for de luxe rooms from VN\$2500 to 3000 and for a single room with shower around VN\$2000. This is the best which can be done under the circumstances. Hotel Majestic where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had also stayed, had been tried earlier but they were not in a position to promise any accommodation because of the Presidential inauguration around the time of the visit of the Commission. Besides, the accommodation charges were also very much on the high side.

4. The charges for hotel accommodation are higher than the rates which are sanctioned for Saigon. In this connection attention is kindly invited to our letter of even number dated the 14th January 1971, addressed to the Ministry of External Affairs to which reference was also made in the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 24/22/71-Poll II dated the 1st September 1971 -it enclosed annexures

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containing statement of charges for hotel accommodation and charges for renting a car, interpreters, typewriters, etc. The expenditure on hotel accommodation etc. is likely to be incurred accordingly for which the necessary financial sanction will have to be arranged. The refixation of rates of Daily Allowances in Saigon are under examination in the Ministry of External Affairs since the 10th November, 1970.

To be taken up with ICSC Saigon in n/a.

5. In spite of the suggestions made in our letter of even number dated the 23rd September and 1st October that the question relating to transport, Reporters, Liaison Officer, Interpreters, etc. may kindly be taken up with the Indian Delegation to ICSC Saigon under intimation to us - this was also our original suggestion contained in our letter of even number dated the 14th January, 1971 - we have still not been informed whether it would be possible for the Indian Delegation to ICSC to help us in this regard. This suggestion was made to keep down the expenditure connected with the visit of the Inquiry Commission. In fact the Indian Delegation to ICSC being a large body, should be able to provide all this help without any difficulty. As against this, the Consulate with its very small complement of staff will be greatly handicapped in looking after and making arrangements for the Inquiry Commission. This fact may kindly be particularly noted.

Yours ever,

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Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

- ✓ 1. Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- 2. The Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, second floor, Reserve Bank Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi with reference to his letter No. 3/11/71-NC dated the 6th October, 1971.
- 3. Shri D.K. Dass Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission c/o Embassy of India, Bangkok.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
SAIGON

PRESS NOTE

The Netaji Inquiry Commission which has been constituted by the Government of India to inquire into the circumstances of disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, headed by Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, will be in Saigon from 7th to 11th November, 1971. All individuals who may have information/material connected with Netaji during his stay in Far Eastern countries and especially the cities and provinces which now constitute the Republic of Vietnam, are requested to send their written memoranda to the Consulate General of India, 213, Tu Do Street, Saigon or to come forward in person to give oral evidence.

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New Delhi, dated September, 1971.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Subject:-Deputation of Shri P.P. Khambatta, Counsel for the Netaji Inquiry Commission to the East-South-East Asian countries.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri A.K. Das') d.o. letter No.C/551/8/70-JP, dated 26th June, 1971 wherein the approval of that Ministry for the deputation of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to South-East Asian countries was conveyed.

2. At the instance of the Netaji Inquiry Commission Shri P.P. Khambatta has been appointed as Counsel to assist the Commission in its examination of witnesses. The Commission desires that Shri Khambatta should also accompany them to the South-East Asian countries viz. Rangoon (Burma), Bangkok (Thailand), Saigon (S.Vietnam), Hong Kong, Singapore, Pennag (Malaya) and Kaula Lumpur (Malaya), to be visited by them. It is requested that the approval of the Ministry of External Affairs to the proposed visit of Shri Khambatta may kindly be communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

B.K. Goswami

(B.K. GOSWAMI)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Ministry of External Affairs (Shri R.S. Kalha,
(~~Shri A.K. Das, Deputy Secretary~~), Under Secretary)
New Delhi.

Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Ref. O.M. No. PT.24/30/71-Poll.II, dated 4-10-1971, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding deputation of Shri P.P. Khambatta to Burma, Thailand, South Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

This Division has no objection insofar as countries dealt with by this Division are concerned.

Southern Division may please see the FR and let this Division have their views insofar as countries dealt with by that Division are concerned, before a consolidated reply can be issued.

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No.C.551/8/70-JP

25 October, 1971

Sub: Deputation of Shri P.P. Khambatta, Counsel for the Netaji Inquiry Commission to the South East Asian countries.

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their O.M.No.Pt.24/30/71-Poll.II, dated 4 October, 1971, on the above subject.

This Ministry has no objection from the political angle to the deputation of Shri P.P. Khambatta to the South East Asian countries, viz. Rangoon(Burma), Bangkok(Thailand), Saigon(S. Vietnam), Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang(Malaya) and Kuala Lumpur(Malaya), to be visited by the Netaji Inquiry Commission to assist the Commission in its examination of witnesses.

S.K. Uppal

(S.K. Uppal)
Under Secretary (J)

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Shri B.K. Goswami), *PSC Poll II*
New Delhi.

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COMMISSION OF INDIA

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HONG KONG

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November 3, 1971

My dear Joint Secretary,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated September 15, 1971 to the Commissioner.

2. On 29th October we received a telegram from Shri D.K. Das, Secretary of the Netaji Inquiry Commission, which was then in Bangkok, intimating us that the programme of the Commission had been revised and that, according to the new schedule, the Commission would be reaching Hong Kong on Saturday, 6th November and holding its sittings on November 8 and November 9 and not from November 12-17 as originally planned. We were also asked to indicate how many witnesses had responded to our press notification and whether Pritam Singh, who was the sole witness of the Commission in Hong Kong, would be prepared to appear on November 8 or 9. Due to extremely heavy pressure on hotel accommodation in Hong Kong caused by the Canton Fair, it was not possible for us to book accommodation for the Commission from November 6 to November 9. Every suitable hotel in Hong Kong was tried. Moreover, in response to our written request that he appear before the Commission between November 12-17, Pritam Singh replied that he would not be able to do so due to previous commitments out of Hong Kong. A copy of his letter is attached.* In this letter he has recommended seven people who could be of use to the Commission provided the Commission would be prepared to go to Taipei. Our surmise is that Pritam Singh has made this last-minute volte-face in an attempt to make the Commission go to Taiwan. When I had sounded him earlier as regards his availability in Hong Kong in November he had said that he would be available. It could be that his change of attitude has been recommended by his Taiwanese friends, as in his letter Pritam Singh has gone out of his way to assure us that the Commission members would have no difficulty in obtaining visas which, as you would recollect, had been refused them earlier.

3. In spite of press notification in the two leading English Dailies and three Chinese Dailies, which were run over a period of 3 days, no witness was forthcoming.

4. We, therefore, sent a telegram to Shri Das and also spoke to our Ambassador in Bangkok bringing these three facts to the attention of the Commission, namely, (a) that hotel accommodation could not be found before November 11, which booking had been made earlier; (b) that Pritam Singh had advised us that he would not be in Hong Kong in November and (c) that no witness had come forth as a result of the press notification.

5. Taking these facts into account Shri Das sent us the following telegram, which was received on November 3: "YOURTEL FIRST NOVEMBER STOP UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES STATED THEREIN COMMISSION CANCELS HONGKONG VISIT STOP INFORM PRITAM ALL CONCERNED. DAS SECRETARY NETAJI COMMISSION."

Further The hotel reservation, therefore, has been cancelled and no press notifications are to be issued.

7. I might add that Pritam Singh had mentioned that if the Commission was still interested in interviewing him he would be going to India in January/February, 1972 when he would get in touch with the Commission on his own. However, as you know, not much value can be attached to such undertakings given by Shri Pritam Singh. As for the possibility of the Taipei, this, of course, is a matter which the

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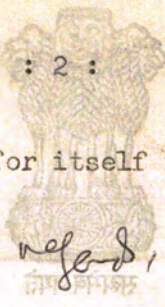
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304, AIA BUILDING, TUBBERS ROAD, HONG KONG

November 3, 1971



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Commission must decide for itself in consultation with you.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Kamallesh Sharma)

Reference is made to your letter No. C/5518/70-75 dated November 12, 1971 to the Commissioner.

On 29th October we received a letter from Shri D.A. Paranjpe, Joint Secretary (EA), MEA (Videsh Mantralaya), New Delhi. According to the letter, the Commission would be meeting from 3rd to 5th November and holding its sittings on November 3 and November 4 and not on November 2 and 3 as mentioned in your letter. It was not possible for us to book accommodation for the Commission in Hong Kong as the hotel reservation in Hong Kong was very tight. In view of this, the Commission would be meeting in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4. It was not possible for us to book accommodation for the Commission in Hong Kong as the hotel reservation in Hong Kong was very tight. In view of this, the Commission would be meeting in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4. It was not possible for us to book accommodation for the Commission in Hong Kong as the hotel reservation in Hong Kong was very tight. In view of this, the Commission would be meeting in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4.

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We therefore, sent a telegram to Shri D.A. Paranjpe on November 11, which pointed out that the Commission would be meeting in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4. It was not possible for us to book accommodation for the Commission in Hong Kong as the hotel reservation in Hong Kong was very tight. In view of this, the Commission would be meeting in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4.

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V.V. Paranjpe,
Joint Secretary(EA),
6101/JS(EA)/71.

No. ~~HON/551(1)/71~~

November 3, 1971.
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Thank you very much for your
letter No.HON/551(1)/71 dated November 3,
1971. Copy of Pritam Singh's letter
mentioned in para 2 of your letter has
not been received.

With kind regards,

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(V.V. Paranjpe)

Shri Kamallesh Sharma,
First Secretary,
Commission of India,
Hong Kong.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(GRIH MANTRALAYA)

New Delhi-1, the 8th November, 1971.

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Visit of the Netaji Inquiry Commission to Japan.

In continuation of this Ministry's Corrigendum of even No. dated the 22nd April, 1971, the following further amendments/additions may be made in this Ministry's Order No. 25/36/70-Poll.II dated the 10th March, 1971:-

- (a) Words ('TAKAJOMACHI' and 'KOBE') may be added after ('TOKYO) appearing in para 1 thereof.
- (b) Sub-para under the heading 'Carriage of official papers' may be substituted as under:-

Carriage of official papers:

The Official record (limited to 20 Kgs. during onward journey to Japan and 38 Kgs. during return journey) will be carried at Government expense as air cargo.

- (c) The following may be added after sub-para under the heading 'Daily allowance, accommodation, tip money etc.':-

"It shall include any extra expenditure actually incurred for arrangement of accommodation if the same could not be met within the prescribed limit, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1022/-."

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance vide their U.O. No. 7683-HF/71, dated the 22nd October, 1971.

R.C. Iyer
(R.C. IYER)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

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 4. The Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Exp.) New Delhi.
 5. The Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of E.A.)
 6. The Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.
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Kamalesh Sharma
First Secretary



COMMISSION OF INDIA

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November 12, 1971

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My dear Joint Secretary,

In continuation of my letter of even number dated 3rd November, 1971, I forward herewith the enclosure to my letter which had not been enclosed through oversight.

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Yours sincerely,

(Kamalesh Sharma)

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Shri V.V. Paranjpe,
Joint Secretary(EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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- 8. The Ministry of External Affairs.
- 9. Shri G.D. Khosla, Chairman, N.I.C., Reserve Bank Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.
- 10. Shri D.K. Dass, Secretary, N.I.C. (with one spare copy) Reserve Bank Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.
- 11. Shri H.L. Kundra, P.A. to Chairman, Reserve Bank Building, 2nd Floor, New Delhi.

R.C. Iyer

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UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

Visit of the British Legation, Government

Reference is made to the letter of the British Legation, dated 15th March 1954, regarding the proposed visit of the British Legation to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, on 22nd March 1954.

The proposed visit of the British Legation to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, on 22nd March 1954, is approved.

The proposed visit of the British Legation to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, on 22nd March 1954, is approved.

Yours faithfully,

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(R.C. IYER)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
The Secretary of India in London, London.
The Secretary of India in New Delhi, New Delhi.
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HARILELA'S (TAIWAN) LTD. 276, NANKING RD. (SEC. 3), TAIPEI (105)

TELE: 772876, 777930, 776638 CABLE: HARILELA

Hong Kong, 25th, Oct, 1971

Shri Kamallesh Sharma,
First Secretary,
COMMISSION OF INDIA,
304, AIA Building,
1, Stubbs Road,
HONG KONG.

My dear Shri Kamallesh Sharma,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under reference No.HON.551(1)/71 dated 15th, instants and have noted its content.

I am afraid that I would not be able to be here on the 12th proximo as I have to be in Taipei or Guam on the said date for my previous commitment, as last I was told that the Netai Enquiry Commission would be held in the month of October, 1971 & moreover all the important documents & papers are not with me here.

I would suggest that the said Commission should pay a visit to Taipei (where the actual plane crash was involved last) and have an authentic investigation there, and if there would be any difficulties to obtain the visas, the undersigned would help them to obtain the same without any obligation.

I would like to recommend some important persons, who are at present living in Taiwan, which would be most useful to this enquiry commission, their names & particulars are stated as hereunder:-

1. Mr. C.C. Huang, (Ex-Mayor of Taipei, during the year of 1945)
2. Mr. Cheng of (United Daily News, Journalist in Taipei).
3. The Sec-General, of the present Mayor's Office in Taipei now.
4. Dr. Nordhoff, (Superintendent of Mackway's Memorial Hospital, Taipei)
5. The Medical Superintendent of Causality Dept. of Taiwan University Hospital, in Taipei).
6. The Chief-in-Charge of Taipei City Council.
7. The Director of Civil Aviation Department in Taipei.

Jai Hind,

Yours sincerely,
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My dear

This is to acknowledge your letter
No.HON/551(1)/71 dated November 12, 1971,
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Yours sincerely,

(A.K. Das)

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