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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
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Please print this urgently & send copies by the first messenger tomorrow.
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Home Department

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A.S.H

~~FOR PRIVATE~~ SECRETARY.

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13. Feb.

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~~protest and~~

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Meanwhile we are still asking Bombay to detain going of 350 pilgrims mentioned in previous correspondence. ASH

(Tel. accordingly to Commr. Police, Bombay.

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2.

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in I order to sail for hedjaz
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proportion of pilgrims who are
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them from going on

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3.

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To (Office) Telephonic	From (Office) [illegible]

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) Chief Secy	From (Person) Private Secy

H.E. wishes to see previous correspondence about pilgrim port affair - will you please send it down at once to first House Madras -

CB
13/12/97

Note for the Private Secy

The papers are herewith submitted

PR
13/12/97

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