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BRITISH EMBASSY,

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(Dear Tahourdin),

You will find a number of references in the Press Summary we are sending you by this bag to the Qadiani movement in Pakistan.

2. It is, of course, a favourite stick in the Afghan propaganda campaign and is held to justify the epithet "unislamic" so often hurled against the Pakistan Government, but I sense a certain amount of local alarm too at what is apparently held to be the spread of this dissidence from the true faith in a neighbouring Muslim country.

3. Shah Wali has raised the subject twice with me. (What is the Pakistan Government going to do about it? The position is very serious, etc.) The numbers of these Qadianis increase every day.) He told me that Amir Habibullah had had an Afghan mullah killed who proclaimed himself a Qadiani on his return from a visit to India, and Amanullah two more I gathered. He explained to me that Qadianis were dissenters and therefore renegades, and infinitely abhorrent to true believers which other "Peoples of the Book" worshipping one God, i.e. Jews and Christians, were not.

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4. I am allowing, of course, for the Schadenfreude aroused here by all news of disturbances and other difficulties the Government of Pakistan may have to cope with, as I pointed out in my Annual Review for last year (paragraph 6).

5. I am sending a copy of this letter to Chancery at Karachi.

(Yours ever),

-sgd- E.R. Lingeman