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anti-American agitation among the people with disagreeable consequences,
as I do. I am endeavoring to explain and minimize these incidents.
suggesting probable exaggeration local labor conflicts, abnormal conditions
resulting from earthquake, etc., but I would like to have facts in authori-
tative form, with some expression from the President and yourself
which would have tranquilizing effect after present excitement has subsided.
I believe it probable Japanese authorities can be induced quietly to check
the importation of Japanese coolies into the United States.

WRIGHT.

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