

*Enclosure No. 1 with Mr. Wright's No 81
of October 22, 1906.*

(Reading of telegram sent October 21, 1906.)

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All newspapers here publish despatches from the United States giving accounts of agitation in San Francisco for exclusion of Japanese, including alleged hostile utterances of Member of Congress Kahn in public speeches, also action of school authorities in segregating Japanese children in public schools; also alleged extract from report of Secretary Commerce and Labor recommending exclusion of Japanese from Hawaiian Islands. Comments of newspapers varied. The more conservative, including Government and independent organs, express surprise and regret but point out agitation local and not indicative of American feeling generally and declare should not impair traditional friendship between Japan and the United States, expressing confidence in the President and administration. Other newspapers, especially those representing opposition party, more radical and denunciatory, strongly urge retaliation and the holding of public meetings to take action. These meetings are already being called. The reported exclusion of children from the schools has given the deepest offence as Japanese schools are open to foreigners. I recently had an interview with Minister for Foreign Affairs upon this subject, and yesterday evening the Vice-Minister called upon me in this connection(period). They are reasonable and are doing all in their power to control the situation but are evidently nervous and fear an 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, etcetera, but I would like to have facts in authoritative 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.

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Translator's note:

The JIJI SHIMPO is an absolutely independent newspaper, perhaps the most influential in Japan.

The ASAHI SHIMBUN is an independent newspaper second only to the JIJI.

The HOCHI SHIMBUN is controlled by Mr. Minoura, M.P., a member of the Progressive Party, now the Opposition. It is often sensational.

The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN is a Government organ, edited by Mr. Tokutomi.

The YOROZU CHOHU is a sensational sheet circulating largely among the lower classes.

The JAPAN TIMES is controlled entirely by Japanese, though published in English, and receives assistance from the Japanese Government.