

Enclosure No. 1 with Mr. Wright's No. 90 of October 31, 1906.

(Reading of Telegram received October 24, 1906.)

Wright, Tokio.

Troubles your despatch of twenty-first are so entirely local and confined to San Francisco that this Government was not aware of their existence until the publication in our newspapers of what had happened in Tokyo. The best information we have been able to obtain indicates that there is nothing even in San Francisco but an ordinary local labor controversy excited by the abnormal conditions resulting there from the earthquake and fire. We cannot prevent men desirous of a labor vote from making speeches in favor of excluding any kind of competition. This does not seem to have gone beyond irresponsible agitation to which no attention can be paid by this Government or should be by the people of Japan. The trouble about schools appears to have arisen from the fact that the schools which the Japanese had attended were destroyed at the time of the earthquake and have not yet been replaced. You may assure the Government of Japan in most positive terms that the Government of the United States will not for a moment entertain the idea of any treatment toward the Japanese people other than that accorded to the people of the most friendly European nation, and that there is no reason to suppose that the people of the United States desire our Government to take any different course (period) The President has directed the Department of Justice to make immediate and full investigation and take such steps as the facts call for to maintain all treaty rights of Japanese subjects in the spirit of the friendship and respect which our people have so long entertained (period) The purely local and occasional nature of the San Francisco school question should be appreciated when the Japanese remember that Japanese students are welcomed at hundreds of schools and colleges all over the country.

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