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Mr. Wright to Mr. Root.

Subject:-- Translation of report of Japanese Association relating to anti-Japanese agitation in San Francisco; further press comment.

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Memo. of Mr. Scott on the question of discrimination against Japanese subjects in California.

Quotes various provisions of the Treaty of 1894 between the U. S. and Japan. Calls attention to the laws of various western States purposed to discriminate against the Mongolian race. Discusses the decisions of State courts and of the U. S. Supreme Court sustaining the constitutionality of State laws providing for the segregation of negroes from whites in schools and on trains; and submits the opinion that the courts will probably sustain the validity and application of restrictions against the Mongolians which they have sustained and applied to the negro, on the ground that foreigners resident in the U. S. cannot have greater rights than native born citizens.

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To the Honorable Elihu Root,
Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

Supplementing my despatch No. 90 of October 31 on the subject of the anti-Japanese agitation in California, I have the honor to transmit herewith translation of a report, dated October 20, from the Japanese Association of America relating to the expulsion of Japanese children from the common public schools of San Francisco. This report is being widely circulated in all the prominent newspapers of the country.

Although the first excitement has subsided and the public is prepared for the delay of ordinary legal and diplomatic processes, there undoubtedly still exists a deep and widespread feeling which is largely suppressed owing to the unique relations of friendship existing between the two countries.

I also enclose a few more extracts on the subject from the Japanese press.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lucas E. Wright

Enclosures:

- 1.- Translation of report of Japanese Association of America dated San Francisco, October 20, 1906.
- 2.- Extracts from local press.

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Encl's report of the Japanese Association in America, and further press comments on the expulsion of Japanese children from the public schools of San Francisco. a subject which still causes deep and widespread, though partly suppressed, feeling.
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