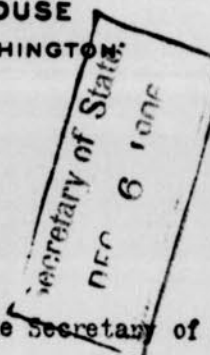


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To the Secretary of State:

I think that suit in the California courts about the school children should be pressed as rapidly as possible. But I think in pressing it we should openly disclaim at the outset any intention of invoking the law in behalf of any of the Japanese excepting those who are really children. What about this?

Theodore Roosevelt