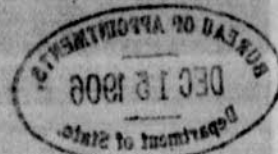


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December 13 - 4 P. M. This is supplementary to report sent you by last mail. Memorandum just received from the Foreign Office as follows: The Japanese Government have always exercised special supervision in case of Japanese proposing to proceed to the United States, and no breach of contract labor law by these is within their knowledge. Passports for Hawaii are always issued to Hawaii only, therefore it would seem these facts not responsible for San Francisco trouble. The Japanese Government anxious to respond as far as practicable to the suggestion of the Government of the United States, but cannot overlook difficulties which would result from absolute refusal of passports to Hawaii. Japanese who have disposed of their effects and made arrangements for proceeding thither would suffer loss which the Japanese Government would be obliged to make good. It is impossible also to refuse passports to those called on to join relatives in Hawaii sick or otherwise circumstanced. But with the exception of these and other similar cases, the Japanese Government will as far as possible discourage and restrict emigration in question till facts can be ascertained. They desire to be informed as to the time when the Government of the United States expect such facts will be

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ascertained. The above unsatisfactory communication materially modifies former verbal assurance. I shall have interview with Minister for Foreign Affairs and report further.

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