

December 22, 1906.

1797/76 T/C

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from the Department of Commerce and Labor, dated July 19, last, on the subject of the immigration of Japanese into the Hawaiian Islands, I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your information, a copy of a telegram from the American Ambassador to Japan reporting what the Japanese Government is doing to discourage and restrict such immigration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ELIHU ROOT

Enclosure:

From Japan, December 15,
1906, telegram.

A true copy of
this signed copy
is
J.R.

DEC 15 1906
1797/76
FILED
DEPT OF STATE
O. G. S.
FILED
E. G. D.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Treatment of Japanese in California.
Encl. 76. Tel. Japan, Dec. 15, 1906.

Mr. Shasey (Wright)

Memorandum read from Mr. O.G.S. as follows: The Govt. has always exercised special supervision in cases of Japanese proposing to proceed to U.S. and knows of no breach of contract labor law by these. Passports for Hawaii are to Hawaii only. Govt. anxious to respond as far as practical to suggestion of U.S. but can not overlook difficulties which would result from absolute refusal of passports to Hawaii. Impossible to issue passports to those called to join relatives in Hawaii called on other circumstances. With exception these and similar cases Govt. will try to discourage and restrict immigration in question till ascertainment of facts. The Jap. Govt. desires to know when U.S. expects such facts will be known.

Ambassador states above materially modifies former verbal assurance. He will report further. (Recd. Dec. 15, 1906)

DEC 15 1906

DEPT OF STATE
DEC 20 1906
214551071

To Commerce for info, referring to the O. & L. letter which showed this inquiry. Confine. J.R.

DEC 20 1906

To Dep. of Com. J.R. Dec 27/06
FILE S. V. S.