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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

No. 59

January 7, 1907.

His Excellency Luke E. Wright,
etc, etc, etc,
Tokyo.

Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 26th ultimo, reading as follows:

" Dec. 26: Referring to my telegram of fifteenth, I have had further interview with the Minister for Foreign Affairs. He expresses willingness to restrict emigration of coolies to Hawaii as indicated in my last, but says after further consideration can do no more without much embarrassment. He again stated that their passports were issued to Hawaii only. I explained that from there they could and did go to San Francisco and other Pacific ports in great numbers and that this was the principal cause of trouble. He replied that the Japanese Government could not be expected to control their subjects in our territory, but that we could prevent their leaving Hawaii. Would it not be possible to amend our Emigration Laws so as to provide that when foreign governments issue limited passports, our government should or might restrict emigrants accordingly. I see the difficulties in the way, but perhaps at the present time some unobjectionable amendment might be drawn which would largely relieve the situation."

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Dear Mr. Adams:

THE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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I don't know that there is any thing to be done about this, but as this is an original I am sending it into you. I think the Secretary has seen a copy, but I don't think the Ambassador's question requires an answer.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:
I think Mr. Adams' conclusion is right - in fact I am an ardent supporter of his view. I am sure that the Secretary will be willing to make the same suggestion of course to the Ambassador. I am sure as you are so much interested in the subject. I have the pleasure of expressing to you my appreciation of your interest in the subject. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
R. B. 27

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JANUARY 7, 1906

I acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 28th of
January, 1906, and in reply to inform you that the
following is the substance of the views orally expressed to
him on this phase of the subject, by Secretary Root.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Alvey A. Adee,
Acting Secretary.

Enclosures:

To Japanese Ambassador,
December 28, 1906.

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I enclose for your information a copy of an informal note
to the Japanese Ambassador confirming the views orally expressed to
him on this phase of the subject, by Secretary Root.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Alvey A. Adee,

Acting Secretary.

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