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Mr. Wright to the Secretary of State.

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

S i r:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a number of translations and clippings from the local press, illustrating the manner in which telegraphic reports of the President's Message to Congress were received in this country. The newspapers are unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction at the forcible and sympathetic manner in which the President deals with the San Francisco school question, and in their admiration for, and absolute confidence in, his lofty personality as the determining factor in the present unpleasant complication.

The President's recommendation to provide for the naturalization of Japanese subjects on a basis of equality with those of European nations is received with especial enthusiasm and, if carried into effect, would, in my opinion, do more than any other one thing to heal their wounded national pride.

On the subject of pelagic sealing the Japanese press, while recognizing that any limitation of seasons and spheres of hunting would not be to the immediate advantage of Japan, nevertheless expresses its approval of the humane proposals of the President for the protection of the seal; and the opinion ~~is~~ that Japan should not be indifferent to the wishes of the United States in this matter.

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Favorable effect of the President's message reflected in enclosed editorials of the Japanese press.
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I beg further to inclose a number of translations of press comments on the subject of the school question that were published before the receipt of the President's Message.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. E. Wright

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from the Japanese press.