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Charles Sprague Smith, Esquire,

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Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, through reference hither by the President's Secretary, of your letter to him of the 4th instant, suggesting that a public demonstration of the cordiality of feeling between the United States and Japan be made, in order to offset the recent utterances of Mr. R. P. Hobson regarding the prospects of War with Japan; and that the demonstration be in the form of a great mass meeting.

In reply I have to say that the Secretary of States does not think that the condition of negotiations at present indicate that it would be useful to have such a meeting.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ALVEY A. ADEE,

Second Assistant Secretary.

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the signed orig-
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