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To accompany Despatch No. 153.

Text of telegram sent January 5th, 1907:-

Secstate, Washington.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs referred in conversation to-day to apparent revival of anti-Japanese sentiment in San Francisco as shown by newspaper cables published here and asked me if in view of this I thought Japanese Training ships should visit that port as intended. He stated also that ships sail to-day for Honolulu but could return from there if advisable. I replied that I thought there was no valid reason known to me for change of programme and that change might produce disagreeable impression both here and in the United States but that I would communicate with you. Kindly advise.- Wright.

Text of telegram received January 10, 1907:-

Wright, Amembassy, Tokyo.

We see no valid reason why the Japanese Training ships should not visit the Pacific coast as planned. Period. It may however be suggested that the serious derangements as those San Francisco and to the Naval Depot there might hamper the proper Authorities in extending to the visitors the courteous hospitality we would so greatly wish to show while the prostrate condition of the city itself would tend to restrict shore leave. Root.