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(Telegram Sent February 24th, 1907.)

SecState, Washington:

My telegram of twenty-first Have just received the following from the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs (quote)

The Imperial Government in response to the hope expressed in the telegram from the Honorable the Secretary of State a paraphrase of which was handed to Viscount Haya-she by his Excellency Mr. Wright on the twentieth February beg to state that they have no intention of canceling or modifying the order now in force under which no passports are granted to either skilled or unskilled Japanese laborers for the mainland of the United States other than settled agriculturists (comma) farmers owning or having an interest or share in their produce or crops (period) The Imperial Government confidently believe that a strict adherence on their part to the foregoing order coupled with the continuation of the existing practice of inserting in all labor passports the destination of the laborers will be sufficient to make the new legislation of the United States more satisfactorily and obviate the necessity of adopting additional measures (period) If on the contrary that belief should not be realized the Imperial Government will be prepared to consider with the United States the question of a new treaty (quote end)

Wright.