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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In view of the report in this morning's newspapers and of this telegram from the Tokio Embassy, I would suggest that a telegram should be sent to the Governor of California somewhat as follows:

"The Ambassador to Japan cables that Japanese newspapers are publishing sensational cables from San Francisco reporting repeated attacks on Japanese stores and their customers and asks advice as to the facts. This telegram evidently refers to the subject of press telegrams from San Francisco now published here which indicate that a Japanese restaurant and a bathing establishment in Folsom Street were last Tuesday wantonly attacked and seriously damaged by a San Francisco mob and that no police protection was afforded. These acts seem to be due to a malicious racial prejudice ^{if as reported they} and are therefore hardly palliated by the present troublesome conditions in San Francisco.

"The President is deeply impressed with the necessity of preventing ill treatment and violence to Japanese on the Pacific Coast at this time and he feels that the government of the State of California is in duty bound to the rest of the country to prevent outrages which ^{seriously injure} ~~stand in the way of~~ the relations of the United States with a friendly power. The President

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When we hear from the Governor of California,
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"and of the explanations and amends which can be made."
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Meanwhile I have the honor to request
"relies upon you to afford the necessary protection.

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