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Telegram [unclear]
To the Governor of California
The Japanese Consul General
has advised the [unclear] from
upon authority of a telegram from
the Japanese Consul General in
San Francisco that on the
evening of Monday last a mob
attacked and wrecked a Japanese
restaurant on Tolson street
in that city known as the
Horseshoe Restaurant, breaking
all the windows and driving
out and violently assaulting
the customers and making it
impossible for the restaurant

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Dep't of Justice (Hopt) TEL.

Re: your note of to-day quoting telegram from American Ambassador at Tokyo as to certain sensational publications in Japanese newspapers. I have the honor to say that in accordance with your request I have asked for a report by wire from the United States Attorney and United States Marshal at San Francisco, and upon receipt of same will advise you of the same.
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to continue business; that
on the same evening the mob
attacked a bathing establishment
carried on by Japanese on the
opposite side of the same street
and damaged it to such an
extent that it was impossible
to continue business; that from
half past seven until half
past nine the same evening
the mob practically held
possession of the street which
lay between these houses; that
no police protection was
afforded; that on the following

day the General called
on the Chief of Police, reported
the facts and asked the
police for the ^{protection of the} Japanese
~~and~~ who were thus made
the objects of mob violence,
and informed the Chief of
the rumor that had come to
his knowledge that another
attack of ~~the mob~~ was contemplated
by the mob for that evening
on another Japanese restaurant
called the Lion Restaurant;
that on the evening of May
21st the mob did put the

Lion restaurant under
a siege for a considerable
time, the customers thereof being
seized and beaten; that on
this occasion no police
protection was given; that
during the 22nd of May and
the 23rd of May demonstrations
of mob violence were made
against the Lion restaurant
and against another Japanese
restaurant known as the
California restaurant.
(more to follow)

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The American Amb.
to Japan cables that reports
have been received in Tokyo
to same effect. Yesterday's
press despatches in the
newspapers this morning, &
a considerable extent,
corroborate these statements.

The President instructs
me to bring these statements
to your attention and to ask
for an immediate inquiry
into the facts, and to call
upon the State of California,
in case the facts appear

to be as stated, for a prompt
and effective enforcement
of the law contained in
the first Article of the
Treaty of November 22, 1894
between the U.S. & Japan
which provides that the
citizens of Japan shall
have full liberty to reside
in any part of the U.S. &
shall enjoy full and perfect
protection for their persons
and property. The primary
duty to observe and enforce
~~that~~ this provision for the

protection? of the Japanese
residing in the city of
San Francisco rests upon
the State of California, &
the Govt of the U.S. does not
for a moment question the
wish of that State to perform
its duty to the full extent
of its obligation imposed
by law & by the requirements
of good faith towards
the Japanese. We are
not unmindful of the

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fact that a generally
disturbed condition of
affairs exists in San
Francisco because of the
street railroad strike,
but we beg to suggest that
the unlawful violence
which has on previous
occasions been exhibited
towards Japanese business
establishments, as well as
the recent events now
reported, furnish an
urgent reason for

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special measures of
police protection to the
persons and property of
Japanese under the
existing conditions, to
the end that the treaty
obligations of the U.S.
may be faithfully observed