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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
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Sir:

Referring to United States Attorney Devlin's preliminary telegraphic report to you upon the attacks made upon two Japanese establishments in San Francisco on the 20th instant, which was received at this Department yesterday, I wish to thank you for the information obtained.

It is observed that Mr. Devlin expresses the opinion that it will be necessary to have some secret service agent detailed for the purpose, if it be desired to know with exactitude whether the attack was occasioned by a mob hostile to the Japanese or was the incidental result of a fight between laborers. Inasmuch as it is ^{very} important that we have a full understanding of the temper of the people of the Pacific Coast towards the Japanese, I have the honor to request that the United States Attorney be given the assistance necessary to continue his investigation to an analysis of the cause of the trouble.

It is disappointing to learn that none of those who made the attack has yet been identified, and that the punishment of those guilty by the proper authorities is not yet possible.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

The Honorable

Your obedient servant.

The Attorney General.

ROBERT BACON

Acting Secretary.