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May 31, 1907.

Sirs:

By direction of the Secretary of State I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant accompanied by newspaper clippings giving an account of the trouble which resulted in injury to two Japanese establishments in San Francisco on the 20th instant.

This regrettable occurrence, which seems to have been entirely incidental to the disorderly conditions now so general in San Francisco, has been receiving due consideration by the Government.

Very faithfully yours,

HUNTINGTON WILSON,

Third Assistant Secretary.

The Japanese Association of

America, No. 1683 Post Street,

San Francisco, California.

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Treatment of Japanese in California.

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Japanese Association of America.
That the Dept. of State may be informed of true state of affairs regarding treatment of Japanese residents of San Francisco, reports in detail attacks by a mob upon two Japanese places of business on May 20 and 21. Encloses three newspaper clippings describing the affair.
Re. (Recd. May 29, 1907)

Mr. Secretary: For your information, I am sending you certain Japanese Residences of the City of San Francisco, we beg to inform you that upon the 20th day of this month, about the hour of 7:30 P. M., there gathered in front of the Horseshoe restaurant, 1213 Tolson St., conducted by M. Wakajima, also in front of the Bath House, 1214 Tolson St., conducted by M. Yemoto, a mob of roughs, some thirty in number, who prevented customers from entering either place and that they procured a wagon, loaded it with bricks and stones, and in driving past the above mentioned places threw the bricks and stones, breaking the doors and windows of both houses, badly injuring one of the waiters, and destroying property inside the buildings. They also entered the restaurant taking therefrom two customers who were sitting in the restaurant, and beating them. They were largely augmented in number, next proceeded to the restaurant of Hawaii, 122 Lyon St., and there committed the same offense. These businesses have always been conducted in an orderly manner and represented an outlay of considerable capital; the bath house alone was fitted up at an expense to the owner of \$6000.

We wish to add further, that on the morning of the 21st, after 10 AM, while the occupants had temporarily abandoned themselves from the premises, the restaurant at 1213 Tolson St., was entered and everything of value taken therefrom.

We submit these facts, also newspaper clippings in regard to the affair, for your consideration, in order that you might better know the condition of affairs existing in this city at this time.

We beg to remain

Yours most respectfully,

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