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While the recent attacks and threats of attack ~~has~~ upon Japanese business establishments, chiefly restaurants, in San Francisco, have doubtless been incident to the disorder prevailing in that city because of the street car strike, they appear nevertheless to be a renewal of the attacks upon Japanese restaurants which occurred in the autumn of 1906. No business establishments except those kept by Japanese appear

to have been attacked. There is
no suggestion of any provocation
or specific occasion for the attack
except that in one instance, and
I think we are bound to recognize
the fact that the attacks and
violations of the treaty rights of the
Japanese. The wrongs of the
establishments which were wrecked are
about to bring suit against the city
of San Francisco for compensation
under the provisions of the political
code of California.
As the injuries which
they suffered were suffered through
acts that constituted violations
of the treaty between the U.S.

and Japan, I have the honor
to request that you will
instruct the District Attorney &
Marshal in San Francisco to
render all the aid & assistance
which is within their lawful
power towards the maintenance
and conduct of these proceedings.

Secretary of State.
JUN 5 1907

Mr. Smith

Prepare answer to this
inclosing copy of Dept letter
of May 29th respecting part
marked "omit," and also
substance of letter to Atty
Gen. just dictated (herein)

Did so.
June 5/07
J. T. C.