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June 5, 1907.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

While the recent attacks and threats of attack upon Japanese business establishments, chiefly restaurants, in San Francisco, have doubtless been indident to the disorder previling 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 in one instance, and I think we are bound to recognize the fact that the attacks are violations of the treaty rights of the Japanese. The owners of the establishments which were wrecked are about to bring suit against the city of San Francisco for compensation under the provisions of the politial code of California.

As the injuries which they suffered were suffered through acts that constituted violations of the treaty between the United States and Japan, I have the honor

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

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ELIHU ROOT.

