

(COPY)

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER.

Department of Justice,  
Washington.

June 7, 1907.

Robert T. Devlin, Esq.,  
United States Attorney,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will be good enough to report fully to the Department whether there is any right of redress against the City of San Francisco on the part of the Japanese subjects who suffered in person or in property by reason of the recent riots, and if it is contemplated to bring suits to recover damages by reason of such injuries. Supposing such suits to be brought and, if in your judgment, there is good ground for thinking that they can be sustained, the President desires you to offer your services to the legal representatives of the Japanese Government to assist in the trial of such suits. It is also desired that you prepare, for the information of the State Department, a detailed report on the subject of the injuries herein referred to, to be supplementary of your telegraphic report, and to contain all the information you are able to secure in the premises.

Very respectfully,

Attorney General.

INDEX BUREAU

JUN 11

1497/3  
236-237

U. S. DEPT. OF STATE

RECEIVED  
JUN 11 1907

Treatment of Japanese in California.

Encl. 206-237. June 8, 1907.

Department of Justice.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to the United States Attorney at San Francisco, who is instructed to report fully to the Attorney General whether there is any right of redress against the City of San Francisco on the part of the Japanese subjects who suffered in person or in property by reason of the recent riots, and if it is contemplated to bring suits to recover damages by reason of such injuries. In case such suits are brought and there is good ground for thinking that they can be sustained, the President desires that he offer his services to the legal representatives of the Japanese Government to assist in the trial of such suits. He is also instructed to secure all the information he is able to secure in the premises.

(Rec'd June 11, 1907.)

Secretary of State,  
JUN 11 1907

JUN 11 1907

3d ASST. SECRETARY

RECEIVED  
JUN 11 1907  
U. S. DEPT. OF STATE