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CONSULATE OF JAPAN
1274 O'Farrell St.

San Francisco, Cal. May 28, 1907

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conference of yesterday concerning the recent assaults upon Japanese restaurants in this city, I beg to submit the following memorandum of points which I endeavored to lay before you:

1st. That the simultaneous attacks upon the Horse Shoe Restaurant, the Folsom Street Bath House, the Lion, White Star and California Restaurants, seem to indicate that racial prejudice is back of the assaults, and that same are directed against the Japanese as such.

2nd. That the attacks on these places of business were unprovoked and had no other reason than that the places were conducted by Japanese. In support of this conviction, attention is directed to the fact that the character of these acts of violence is quite distinct from other outrages committed from time to time in San Francisco. The disturbances resulting from the carmen's strike, for instance, represent the struggle between capital and labor. The attacks on the Japanese restaurants appear to be the acts of a mob animated by racial prejudice and hatred.

3rd. That the Police report rendered by Detectives Regan and O'Connell upon the occurrence of May 20th at the Horse Shoe Restaurant is entitled to little credence.

Frank Tatsumi, the manager, and an eye-witness of the assault, states that he was not interviewed by either Regan or O'Connell and that the facts alleged by those officers - the source of which is not given - are not in accordance with his observation.

4th. That I realize the unfortunate conditions at present existing in the city, and appreciate the difficult task which the Police have in hand in preserving order. Nevertheless no instances have occurred, so far as I know, where a peaceful class of people of any other nationality, following a lawful occupation, have been simultaneously attacked, without provocation, as the Japanese restaurant keepers have been during the past ten days.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) K. Matsubara,
Acting Consul of Japan.