

Department of Justice,
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Office of June 17th, 1907.

Hon. K. Matsubara, United States Attorney,
Acting Consul of Japan, District of California,
1274 O'Farrell St., San Francisco. June 17th, 1907

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Attorney General, asking me to report fully to the Department of Justice at Washington, 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. He also states that if such suits should be brought, and if, in my judgment, there is good ground for thinking that they could be sustained, the President desires me to offer my services to the legal representatives of the Japanese Government who assist in the trial of such suits.

In compliance therewith, I beg to say that my legal services are at your disposal in any action that you may contemplate bringing against the City of San Francisco for the purpose of recovering damages for the Japanese subjects who suffered in person or in property by reason of said riots, and I should be pleased to confer at any time with your attorney, for the purpose of going over all matters in controversy and rendering such assistance as may be required in the preparation of pleadings, or otherwise.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Robt. T. Devlin,
United States Attorney.