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To the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners,
City of San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to receive your communication of the 10th instant, in reply to mine of the 7th, relative to the granting of certain licenses to subjects of Japan for conducting the Intelligence Office business in this City, and I wish to thank you for same.

With regard to the cases of the two applicants, Oda and Furuya, I note your statement that licenses were not refused to them, but that no action was taken on their petitions because of their failure to appear before your Board on the dates fixed for the hearing. You are pleased to further inform me that notices were sent to these two persons to appear before the Board on the 14th instant for further consideration of their cases.

I beg to now ask that you will inform me of the action taken by your Honorable Board upon these applications at the meeting of the 14th instant. In case the licenses were denied or action upon the cases deferred, I would be pleased to know the reasons therefor.

It may be proper for me to say, in this connection, that information has reached me through unofficial forces to the effect that a rule has been adopted by your Board, denying Intelligence Office licenses to persons not citizens of the United States.

While I am loathe to believe that such is the attitude of your Honorable body upon a matter which so seriously affects the rights of my countrymen to engage in a lawful occupation, I would be pleased to know if the report is true.

In case your Board has adopted such regulation, I have to respectfully ask that this Consulate be furnished with a copy of the rule or regulation which governs your action in these matters.

Trusting to have the favor of your early reply, I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,
K. MATSUBARA
Acting Consul of Japan.