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July 23, 1907.

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My dear Mr. Charge:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 18th instant, by which you advise the Department that a report in recent newspapers of an alleged interview with you attributes to you views regarding the relations between the United States and Japan which you did not express and do not entertain.

The interview you mention did not come under the Department's notice, and if it had, would probably not have attracted attention, because of the general unreliability of such publications.

I am, my dear Mr. Charge,

Very truly yours,

ROBERT BACON,

Phra Ratanayapti,

Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Siam.

A true copy of
the signed orig-
inal. *LMC.*

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Interview between Siamese Charge
d'Affaires ad interim and news-
paper reporters.
No. 292. Gloucester, Mass.
July 18, 1907.

Siamese Legation (Ratanayapti.)

States that his attention
has been called to an article pur-
ported to be an interview between
him and newspaper reporters regard-
ing the relations between U.S. and Japan
Assures Dept. that the inter-
view reported is erroneous and
purports to give opinions which he
did not express and does not enter-
tain.

States that when hurried pressed
for an opinion whether there will
be a war between the U.S. and Japan
or not, he answered that personally
he did not think so because the two
countries are good old friends.
(Rec'd. July 20, 1907.)
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