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ADDRESSED TO,

Mr. President of the United States
and
the Chambers of Commerce of

Seattle, Washington.

San Francisco, California.

Boston, Massachusetts.

Washington, D. C.

New York, New York.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Chicago, Illinois.

Saint Louis, Missouri.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Portland, Maine.

Tacoma, Washington.

Sacramento, California.

Los Angeles, California.

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C O P Y .

Tokyo, June 29th, 1907.

Mr. President,

We have always watched with profound satisfaction the growing strength of the bonds of traditional friendship between the United States and Japan, coupled with the steady progress of commerce between the two nations. It is therefore a source of deep regret and concern to learn of the movement and action frequently resorted to since last year by a section of the people in San Francisco against the Japanese subjects residing there whose persons and property are thus exposed to serious danger. While highly appreciating your unremitting efforts in the cause of justice and humanity, we humbly think that if such abuses and hostile demonstrations be allowed to continue, the development of commerce based on the relations of good understanding between the two nations may be eventually retarded. We, the undersigned representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, taking a special interest in the promotion of our mutual economic relations, feel ourselves unable to remain silent spectators of this state of affairs, and we have accordingly addressed to the principal Chambers of Commerce in the United States a letter, of which copy is herewith enclosed for your

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inspection, inviting them to exert their best endeavors for the amelioration of the situation. At the same time, relying upon your personality and wisdom for the speedy and satisfactory solution of the difficulties, we most respectfully appeal to you for your friendly support towards the consummation of our object in view.

We have the honour to be,

Mr. President,

Your obedient servants,

B. Nakano,

President of Tokyo Chamber of Commerce.

M. Doi,

President of Osaka Chamber of Commerce.

J. Nishimura,

President of Kyoto Chamber of Commerce.

K. Ono,

President of Yokohama Chamber of
Commerce.

T. Kishimoto,

President of Kobe Chamber of Commerce.

TOKYO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Tokyo, Japan, June 29, 1907.

To The-----Chamber of Commerce,

-----U. S. A.

Sirs:

It has always been a matter for profound satisfaction to every Japanese to witness the constant growth of cordial relations between our two countries, and of the community of our interests in the field of trade and commerce.

But since last year, the people of a section of your country have unfortunately acted to the prejudice of the legitimate rights of Japanese people who have frequently been subjected to unjust and abusive treatment at the hands of the lawless element prevailing there. The right of education was denied them. Their houses have repeatedly been attacked and property destroyed without the least cause of provocation. The result is that not only are the Treaty Rights of the Japanese in that section wantonly disregarded, but also their persons and property are exposed to serious danger.

It is extremely regrettable that such unfortunate incidents should be allowed to repeatedly occur; and it is most seriously to be feared that unless they are speedily prevented, the ill-feelings which our countrymen are now constrained to harbour against the people of a single section may finally have an unhappy effect upon the development of commercial relations between the two nations. For, while the United States is a good

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customer for our national products, Japan is also yearly increasing her demand for American goods and promises to become one of the most important markets for the products of your ever-expanding and prosperous industries; and should the progress of the trade and commerce between the two nations be at any time obstructed as the result of the unwarrantable action of a small local population, the loss to be sustained by the two countries would be incalculable. For these reasons we, the undersigned representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, venture to address this letter to you to express our views of the situation, in a confident hope that these views will be shared by you, and that you will, by considering the matter in the light of the principles of international intercourse and in view of the mutual advantages of our trade relations, make best efforts to speedily eliminate the present cause of discord and insure our common prosperity for the future.

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