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Department of Justice,
Washington.

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August 7, 1907:

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

On yesterday a further telegram was sent to the United States Attorney at San Francisco, and I have received the following telegram from him apparently sent at 1. 20 A. M. to-day:

Partially answering telegram Russell Acting Attorney General no licenses have been denied to others than Japanese on account of nationality, and the action of the commission is to prevent Japanese having licenses. They do not wish to give Japanese licenses, and claim that under police power, they have the right to refuse them and propose to refuse Japanese licenses until otherwise ordered by the courts. Mayor Schmitz elected as labor party candidate has been convicted of felony and is in jail. New Mayor Taylor appointed. Old board of supervisors resigned and new ones appointed by Taylor. Taylor and new supervisors in office defacto. Right to office disputed and matter now before supreme court. Present license commission was appointed by Schmitz whose term will expire in January next. Election in November for new officers. Present commission will undoubtedly continue to refuse licenses to Japanese. Mayor Taylor if confirmed in office, will probably appoint new commission. Records of Commission do not show nationality of holders of licenses, and it is necessary to ask each one personally. Some of the holders have apparently moved away, offices being closed, others only had room in houses and difficult to find them. Shall get information by personal inquiry as to their nationality as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

Paul W. Russell
Acting Attorney General.