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September 23, 1907.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of two telegrams, dated, respectively, the 19th and 20th instant, from Mr. Matsubara, in charge of the Japanese Consulate at San Francisco, to the Japanese Embassy here.

The Department would be pleased to have you instruct the United States Attorney in San Francisco to urge the Police Commissioners of that city to grant licenses to Japanese applicants for running intelligence offices, explaining to them the importance as bearing upon the peaceful relations between Japan and the United States and the peaceable execution of provisions for the exclusion of Japanese laborers. The United States Attorney should also explain to the Police Commissioners that by discriminating against the Japanese now here, in this matter of comparatively trifling importance, they would seriously hinder the action of the United States in the vastly more important matter of labor exclusion.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ELIHU ROOT

Enclosures as above stated.

A true copy of
the signed original.
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