



Office of the Attorney General,  
Washington, D.C.

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September 23, 1907.

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Hon. Elihu Root,  
Secretary of State.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am in receipt of your letter of this date,  
and have telegraphed the United States Attorney at San  
Francisco as follows:

"You are directed to take occasion, if called  
upon by the Secretary of the Board of Police Com-  
missioners, to urge strongly the granting of li-  
censes to Japanese applicants to conduct intelli-  
gence offices, when such applicants conform to re-  
quirements made applicable to others than Japanese.  
Explain that unless equal privileges are accorded  
Japanese, action of the United States in vastly  
more important matter of labor exclusion will be  
seriously hindered. Urgent representation of  
State Department that discrimination in this matter  
against Japanese now here will make it much more  
difficult to secure satisfactory results in much  
more important negotiations now pending. If Sec-  
retary of Board of Police Commissioners does not  
open question, you are authorized to call upon  
him and advise him to foregoing effect."

I trust that you will regard the action of  
this Department in the premises as satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

*Charles J. Bonaparte*  
Attorney General.

Treatment of Japanese in California

Encl. 326.

Japanese Embassy.

Copy of telegram from Mr. Katsu-  
bura, in charge of the Japanese  
Consulate at San Francisco, dated  
at Dep't by the Japanese Charge,  
Reading as follows:

San Francisco,  
Sept. 19, 1907.  
The question of granting licenses  
to Japanese applicants for running  
intelligence offices is expected to  
be considered at the executive  
meeting of the Board of Police Com-  
missioners tonight.

San Francisco,  
Sept. 20, 1907.

No decision was reached on the  
matter of licenses at the meeting  
of Police Commissioners held last  
evening. I understood that the  
Secretary of the Board was in-  
structed to ascertain and report  
the views of the United States Dis-  
trict Attorney upon the subject.  
Action of Police Commissioners has  
thus been postponed at least for a  
week. (Rec'd Sept. 21, 1907.)

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