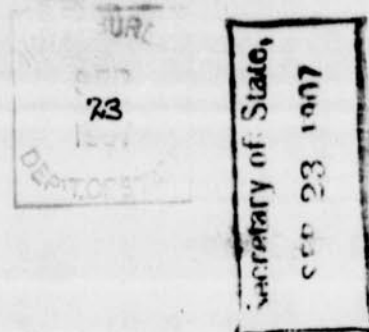


Tokyo, June 29th, 1907.



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 being exposed to serious danger. While highly appreciating your unflinching efforts in the cause of justice and humanity, we humbly think that if such

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Act's letter of even date and
quoting telegram sent to the U. S.
Attorney at San Francisco, direct-
ing him to urge strongly the grant-
ing of licenses to Japanese appli-
cants to conduct intelligence offi-
ces, when such applicants conform
to requirements made applicable to
others than Japanese and to explain
that discrimination against Japan-
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results in much more important nego-
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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 action to the
extent possible to secure the removal of
Japanese subjects from the United States
who are engaged in the conduct of
intelligence offices, when such applicants
conform to requirements made applicable
to others than Japanese and to explain
that discrimination against Japan-
ese now here will make it much more
difficult to secure satisfactory results
in much more important negotiations
now pending. If necessary, 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 F. Davenport
Attorney General

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 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

fully

fully appeal to you for your friendly support towards the consummation of our object in view.

We have the honor to be,

Mr. President,

Your obedient servants,

B. Nakano,
President of Tokyo
Chamber of Commerce.

M. Oai,
President of Osaka
Chamber of Commerce.

J. Kishimura,
President of Kyoto
Chamber of Commerce.

K. Ono,
President of Yokohama
Chamber of Commerce.

T. Kishimoto,
President of Kobe
Chamber of Commerce.