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To the Acting Secretary.

August 1, 1907.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A copy of this communication which has received mere acknowledgement is herewith in case you care to read it.

The newspapers say that a young Prince and another Korean, who were the "squelched" would-be delegates to The Hague, have arrived in this country to bid for American sympathy for the vanishing independence of their country and that they will try to see the President. If they do so, when the President refuses to see them, the Department might be directed to say that our friendship with Japan was still older than that with Korea and that we could not sympathize with their wishes to hamper the Japanese programme in Korea, where the interests of the United States are guaranteed by our treaty rights; that the United States moreover was confident Japan would not treat the Korean people unjustly. Some such remark might be appreciated in Japan?

KW.