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Department of Justice.

Office of
United States Attorney,
Northern District of California,

San Francisco, October 7, 1907.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with your telegram of September 23rd 1907, after waiting a day or two I took up the matter of Japanese applications for licenses to conduct intelligence offices. My assistant, A. P. Black, personally interviewed three or four members of the police commission and they all expressed themselves as being desirous of administering the law fairly and impartially. Their secretary wrote a letter on behalf of the commission, a copy of which is enclosed. And to bring it officially to their attention, in addition to the personal interview, a letter, copy of which is hereto attached, was sent. I have every reason to believe that the present commissioners, who are men of high character and good judgment, will do everything in their power to avoid any unnecessary friction in relation to this subject. I shall keep you advised of such action as may be taken by the commission, and in the mean time shall be pleased to follow any instructions that you may have to give.

Respectfully,
Robt. T. Devlin,
United States Attorney
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