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Secretary Taft's Mission.

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There is a rumor current among official circles in Washington that during his stay in Japan Secretary Taft fully explained the necessity of Japanese exclusion. Secretary Taft is also reported to have stated to General Terauchi especially that Japanese laborers must be excluded in order to avoid a conflict and maintain peaceful relations between the two countries. Before giving this explanation Secretary Taft had consulted with President Roosevelt and Secretary Root. President Roosevelt is said to have caused Secretary Taft to emphasize the fact that the determination of the United States Government could not be shaken. He is also said to have represented to the Japanese authorities that in case of failure to exclude Japanese by means of a treaty the United States would be compelled in self-defense to have Congress pass an Exclusion Act.