

Nagasaki, Japan.
Oct. 5, 1907.

My dear Mr. President:

I send you herewith the speech I delivered at Tokyo which I hope will meet with your approval and also a copy of the dispatch which I hope to send you in the course of a few days by cable. The cable is now broken and it would have cost to send it \$3400.. As the direct cable is likely to be restored in a few days and the cost would be reduced one-third, I concluded to delay action although I think the matter in it is important enough to justify my expending a thousand dollars for the purpose. I have said in the dispatch substantially what I think in respect to the Japanese situation. As I say there, I am convinced that we cannot secure a treaty such as you and I would like to have but that we can obtain practically the same exclusion by administrative measures. The controversy with England helps us and we can be sure that they will treat us as well as they do England in respect to immigrants.

We leave for Shanghai tonight. We have had a very delightful trip thus far. The Chinese give us a reception in Shanghai. Wilfley met us in Yokohama and has given me a pretty full idea of the Chinese situation

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The truth is that the Chinese are now very favorable to us. Indeed they are growing more and more suspicious of the Japanese and the English and the French in their desire for exclusive concessions and they turn to us as the only country that is really unselfish in the matter of obtaining territory and monopolies. I think it therefore worth while to cultivate them and accept courtesies at their hands. I shall write you from Shanghai my distincter impressions after I have been there.

Sincerely yours,



Wm. L. Taft

The President