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My dear Mr. Jay:

The misquotation of Mr. O'Brien by the Japan Herald of which you wrote me personally on December 4th night, I should think, have been laid to rest at the time by a quasi-spontaneous letter to the Japan Herald, saying that the Ambassador made no allusions to the President's policy and that there had evidently been a mistake. However, the Japan Herald's inaccuracy would probably be noticed by few and the matter would best sink into a natural oblivion. In the remote contingency of this episode's reaching here from any source, I shall be glad to bear in mind the contents of your letter as enabling me to deny that the Ambassador said any such thing, which in fact would on its face be impossible.

With many regards and good wishes for the New-Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

HUNTINGTON WILSON



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the signed original.
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