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To His Excellency

The President

Madame Roosevelt

Honored Sir

It is with a good deal of doubt as to the necessity of doing so, that I write you the results of my own observations in regard to the Japopenses here, and around Los Angeles.

They are and have been seeking employment in every public and semi-public building. They are employed on all railroads and most of the avenues of approach. They are familiar with every one of the ~~leading~~ ^{leading} powers within 60 miles of Los Angeles by the observation I obtained as navigators. fisherman etc., and from, I firmly believe, different motives than any white man, namely, ^{gaining} information of strategic nature and value.

They know all about our sewers, storm drains, water supply reservoirs, water chutes including mountain ranges valleys etc. They are coarser to a degree in their associations

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together here. I have nuclei in groups of workmen on almost every production ranch, sooner or later.

Their system is that of the Japanese army to a point, and rigidly enforced every where.

They are silent, shy, inquisitive, and toward Americans inclined to be sullen.

Trouble with formation of any consequence usually requires intervention of some captain or superintendent of their crew who does not usually work and appear quickly, and disappears as quickly.

They are undoubtedly under some form of General organization and control, which seems to be military in its ability to command and dominate through the hundreds in a body. At the same time they are careful to avoid an appearance of any such thing until last point is made without it.

They are educated observers of every foot of ground" so to speak, from Alaska to San Diego.

It is impossible to be with them month after month without concluding that the most of them are spying, and are there with disguised motives.

I am not an alarmist. I have spotted, in my own mind, with the "Japanese leave"; but the above items are forced upon me as conclusions from quiet observation.

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We are / know of these observations,
the conclusions arrived at, or this letter.

I do not write expecting an answer.

It is written as an interested American citizen.

■ Hoping time spent reading this will
not seem lost to you.

I remain

Yours Abundantly

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