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Mr. Elihu Root.
Secretary of State:

Dear Sir:

I called on our Consul General Miller of Yokohama recently, and asked him what information he could give me concerning Sugar & Iron manufacture in Japan and Formosa. He handed me two sheets of newspaper clippings covering both subjects. I read them with interest and at once got part of the facts I was looking for. I expressed my appreciation of his system and his efficiency. He said if I cared to write to you endorsing the clipping system, it might be of advantage to the service. So I take this opportunity to commend it, and think under most conditions it should aid Americans who are trying to do business in foreign countries. We are selling some of our cane cars and portable key equipment in Formosa. I will go to Formosa in about two weeks, and expect to be there long enough to get lots of information about the way the Japanese are handling the Island. I have my brother in law with me who speaks Japanese quite fluently and enables me to get inside occasionally. I expect to return to Newburgh

Treatment of Japanese in California.

Encl. 433.

New York, N. Y.
Jan. 5, 1908.

Fred Jones.

Expresses the opinion that that the Japanese are colonizing soldiers at Vancouver for attack on the United States, and suggests that they be watched.

Suggests that measures be taken by the Chiefs of Police of all large cities to get the location of Japanese domestics and residents.

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New York in March. If you are looking for my information that I might be able to give you, I can make it convenient to see you soon after my return. My address is Newburgh New York, We have been here three weeks. As my brother in law Mr Page was formerly a Missionary here and has many friends among the Japanese, I have been able to see a good deal of them. As he talks to shop keepers and all classes on the streets, I am able to note their general attitude toward us, it is positively friendly. I notice that when Mr Page says pleasant and courteous things, they warm up like a June morning. When I bow numerously from my hips and continue in spite of cracks and pains I feel that I am doing something for international peace,

very truly

Wm L. Briggs

P.S. I suppose my diplomatic efforts here do not actually entitle me to appear on the pay roll of the State Dept. but I do believe the Government should pay for my four plasters.