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March 12, 1908.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose herewith a letter from the Attorney General, transmitting a letter, with an enclosure, from Mr. Devlin, United States Attorney at San Francisco, concerning the damage suits arising out of the injury and destruction by mobs at that place of property belonging to Japanese subjects. In his letter to the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, dated February 25, 1908, Mr. Devlin suggests that the suits be settled by the payment of \$575.00 the amount of actual damage done.

I transmit this correspondence, in the hope that you may find it possible to lend your personal influence in the direction of the compromise of the suits, which from every point of view is ~~so~~ desirable.

I am, my dear Mr. Metcalf,

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures:

From Department of Justice, March 4, 1908, with two enclosures.

