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TELEGRAM.

The White House,
Washington.

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Sacramento, California, April 22, 1913.

THE PRESIDENT.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram of this date it was transmitted to both Houses of our Legislature. I think I may assure you that it is the desire of the majority of members of the legislature to do nothing in the matter of alien land bills that shall be embarrassing to our own government or offensive to any other. It is the design of these legislators specifically to provide in any act that nothing therein shall be construed as affecting or impairing any rights secured by treaty. Although from the legal standpoint this is deemed unnecessary if any act be passed it will be general in character relating to those who are ineligible to citizenship and the language employed will be that which has its precedent and sanction in statutes which now exist upon the subject. I speak, I think, for the majority of the Senate of California, certainly I do for the vetoing power of the state when I convey to you our purpose to cooperate fully and heartily with the National Government and to do only that which is admittedly within our province without intended offense or invidious discrimination.

HIRAM W. JOHNSON.