

**PROTECTION OF CHINESE SUBJECTS IN MEXICO BY AMERICAN
DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS. TEMPORARY REFUGE
GRANTED. WAIVER OF EXCLUSION ACT.**

File No. 704.9312.

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, March 20, 1911.

The Chinese chargé d'affaires at Mexico City has requested that the American consul at Guaymas be instructed to extend protection to Chinese subjects at that place. Requests instructions.

WILSON.

File No. 704.9312.

The Acting Secretary of State to the American Ambassador.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, March 24, 1911.

Instruct the American consul at Guaymas that he may, in so far as the local authorities may permit him to do so and when such course appears to be necessary, extend informal good offices in behalf of Chinese subjects.

WILSON.

File No. 704.9312/2.

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, May 8, 1911.

The diplomatic representative of China at Mexico City has informed me that Chinese subjects at Ciudad Juárez can not escape toward the south into Mexico, and requests assistance from the United States in protecting them should Ciudad Juárez be attacked. He suggests that the provisions of the exclusion act be waived, and that they be permitted to cross temporarily into American territory.

WILSON.

File No. 704.9312/3.

The Secretary of State to the American Ambassador.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 9, 1911.

The request of the Chinese chargé d'affaires at Mexico City, as reported in your telegram of the 8th instant, was communicated to the

Department of Commerce and Labor, and that department has sent the following instruction to the immigration inspector at El Paso:

In case attack upon Juárez permit Chinese enter El Paso under best possible arrangements to insure prompt return on cessation hostilities there.

KNOX.

File No. 704.9312/5.

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, May 24, 1911.

According to advice received from the Chinese chargé d'affaires in this city some 300 Chinese subjects have been murdered at Torreón by the revolutionists. He requests that the American consular agent at Torreón extend his good offices in aid of Mr. Woo Lam Po, who has been asked to make an investigation of the massacre.

WILSON.

File No. 704.9312/5.

The Secretary of State to the American Ambassador.

[Telegram—Paraphrase.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 27, 1911.

If the Mexican Government has no objections the consular agent at Torreón may be instructed to extend his informal good offices in behalf of Mr. Woo Lam Po.

KNOX.

File No. 704.9312/9.

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State.

No. 635.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, June 6, 1911.

SIR: With reference to the Department's telegraphic instruction of the 27th ultimo, in regard to the use by the American consular agent at Torreón of his informal good offices in behalf of the Chinese residents of that place, I have the honor to inform the Department that the Mexican Government advises me in a note which I have just received that it has no objection to the use of such good offices by the American consular agent at Torreón. I have to-day addressed Mr. Carothers in this sense.

I have [etc.],

HENRY LANE WILSON.

File No. 704.9312/10.

No. 667.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, June 19, 1911.

SIR: With reference to the Department's telegraphic instructions of May 27 last, in which it was indicated that there would be no impropriety, in the event that no objection was offered by the Mexican Government, in the use of good offices by the American consular agent at Torreón on behalf of Chinese, I have the honor to advise the Department that when a condition menacing the safety of the Chinese residents of Tapachula was reported to the embassy, on May 24 last, I considered in view of the above-mentioned instructions that I was not overstepping the bounds of propriety in calling the attention of the foreign office to their predicament, especially on account of the fact that certain of these Chinese possessed American citizenship.

I inclose to the Department herewith copy of a note which I addressed the foreign office, and beg to say that the foreign office in replying has stated that all necessary steps will be taken to protect the lives and property both of Americans and Chinese.

I have [etc.],

HENRY LANE WILSON.

[Inclosure.]

File No. 704.9312/10.

*The American Ambassador to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.*AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Mexico, June 2, 1911.

MR. SUBSECRETARY: I have the honor to inform your excellency that this embassy is in receipt of telegraphic advices from the American consul at Tapachula indicating that there is a complete absence of authority at that place and that conditions there are serious. He states that there are murmurs on the part of the lower classes against the Chinese and that the president of the Chinese colony, which numbers 500, is an American citizen, and that he, together with the members of his colony, is fearful that they will be massacred, and has requested asylum at the American consulate in case of danger.

In view of the foregoing I earnestly request that your excellency will do whatever is possible to have American lives and property in Tapachula immediately and adequately protected.

It would seem that on humanitarian grounds such action as is possible should be taken in behalf of the Chinese, in order to prevent a recurrence of so regrettable an incident as that recently taking place at Torreón.

I avail, etc.,

HENRY LANE WILSON.

File No. 151.07/3.

*The Chinese Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State.*CHINESE LEGATION,
Washington, June 27, 1911.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 13th instant,¹ with reference to the application of Wong Foon Chuck and Wong Jon Kin, merchants of Torreón, Mexico, to be

¹ Not printed.

allowed to reside at Eagle Pass, Tex., until the disturbances at Torreón cease, informing the legation that it has been the practice of the American immigration authorities on the Mexican border to allow Chinese residents in Mexico, whether of the merchant class or not, to take refuge in the United States.

This action of the American authorities has given the desired relief to the Chinese residents in Mexico in the present disturbed condition of that country and is sincerely appreciated by the Imperial Government.

Accept [etc.],

YUNG KWAN.

File No. 704.9312/10.

The Secretary of State to the American Ambassador.

No. 408.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, July 5, 1911.

SIR: The Department has received your No. 667 of June 19, 1911, reporting the effort made by you to secure protection for the lives and property of Americans and Chinese at Tapachula, Mexico.

Your action is approved.

I am [etc.],

P. C. KNOX.

File No. 704.9312/11.

The Secretary of State to the American Consul at Ensenada.

No. 9.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, July 15, 1911.

SIR: The Department has received your dispatch No. 11 of June 27, 1911,¹ requesting a copy of the instruction to your predecessor, Mr. George B. Schmucker, authorizing him to look after the interests of Chinese subjects in the consular district of Ensenada.

The Department does not appear to have sent specific instructions on this subject, but at the request of the Chinese minister at this capital all consular officers in Mexico are desired to render such assistance as may be possible to Chinese subjects in Mexico.

I am, etc.,

(For Mr. Knox.)
ALVEY A. ADEE.

¹ Not printed.