

Yokoi, April 5th, 1874.

Their Excellencies

Okuma and Saigo,

Etc. etc.

Sirs,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your note of yesterday, where-
by I understand from a
written communication received
from Mr. Hirai late last night,
that you do me the honor to

ask me to dine with you
at the Ten Rio Kwan at 5
o'clock today. I take great
pleasure in accepting your
kind invitation and beg you
to believe that I would have
sent a reply sooner had I
had the means of knowing
the contents of your note.

I remain, with great respect,

Your Obedient Servant,

Chas. L. ...