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2. Just prior to the above date, HATTORI received a letter from a Japanese friend in America. The letter revealed that what TSUJI Masanobu had told to certain American newsmen had been made known in America, and also that TSUJI's notorious speech before the Liberalist Club had been publicized. Furthermore, TSUJI appears to have described to these newsmen the close relationship between HATTORI Takushiro and General Willoughby. As a result, it became common knowledge among American newspaper correspondents that HATTORI had been connected with Major General Willoughby. Newspaper correspondents rushed to Major General Willoughby upon the latter's return to America and among other questions asked him, "Do you know Colonel HATTORI?" In his reply, Willoughby said emphatically, "No I do NOT", according to the letter received.
3. HATTORI gave no explanation as to how he had interpreted Willoughby's answer, but he appeared to be quite satisfied with it and respected the motives behind it. And he was understandably exasperated over TSUJI's lack of security, but viewed it philosophically since similar incidents have occurred before.

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