

PORTLAND, OREGON, April 24th, 1908.

Hon. Wu Ting Fang,  
Chinese Minister,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:-

I am informed that Mr. Seid Back has been presented to you for consideration as Consul for the Imperial Government of China at this port, and I am asked to write to you concerning his fitness for such position.

While I have had no dealings personally with Mr. Seid Back, I am familiar with his reputation as a prominent merchant of wide acquaintance in this City whose appointment I believe would give general satisfaction to the people of this City where he is recognized as a man of great ability.

I have no wish to intrude my opinion upon you in the matter of the selection of a representative of your government in this City, and in fact do not know what qualifications are necessary and I have merely certified to facts relating to Mr. Seid Back as I know them.

Very respectfully yours,

Mayor.