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Referring to the query contained in the last paragraph of Bureau letter, of the 7th instant, File No. 52271/8, it is desired to say that after most careful consideration this office has reached the conclusion that it would be inadvisable to incorporate in the appointments of junior inspectors authority for them to act in the capacity of Chinese inspectors. There is, generally speaking, no duty which a junior inspector is called upon to perform in this district which could not as well be performed without the added authority indicated, beside it is felt that the qualifying of a second-grade inspector to perform the duties and offices of a first-grade inspector would virtually amount to a reduction of the present standard of qualifications required of the latter class, and might in time lead to embarrassing situations. In a word, this office believes it preferable to rigidly maintain the distinction at present existing between first and second grade inspectors.

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