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Colonel R.H. Van Deman,  
Chief of Military Intelligence Section,  
15th and M. Sts. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Colonel:--

On April 8 I wrote you as follows:

"The Bureau commends to your very careful consideration the inclosed copy of a report submitted by the Supervising Inspector of the Immigration Service on the Mexican border, El Paso, Texas, and also the inclosed copies of supplemental letters received from said officer. It is thought that it would be desirable to discuss the contents of these documents at one of the regular Wednesday afternoon conferences that are being held in the office of Mr. O'Brian.

"Copies of these papers are also being transmitted to Mr. O'Brian, Mr. Harrison, Captain McCauley, Mr. Moran, Mr. Halstead, and Mr. Bielaski."

Mr. Parker advised me you had not received the above-quoted letter up to yesterday afternoon, and I am accordingly handing you herewith, by special messenger, a copy of the report of Supervising Inspector Berkshire, mentioned therein. I also transmit a copy of my annual report for the fiscal year of 1914, and call your attention to the suggestions made therein, pages 20 to 22, especially to the suggestion for the establishment of a "United States Immigration Service Signal Corps."

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in the forms and 21 + 22 in the latter.*

Very truly yours,

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MAILED 4/11 BY *J*

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Commissioner General.