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Supervising Inspector,
El Paso, Texas.

Your suggestions regarding establishment border patrol have been under consideration at last two weekly meetings of inter-Departmental conferences on intelligence and similar work. Two possible methods for its establishment have been discussed. First, it is apprehended that under section two of the Selective Service Act of May eighteenth, nineteen seventeen, the President could by proclamation create such a patrol as a new branch of the military service; second, it might be possible to secure special appropriation from Congress and establish patrol as a part of the Immigration Service. If first plan were adopted probably men above draft age enlisted could be given pay of top sergeants about forty dollars per month and usual allowances. If second plan were attempted and the appropriation secured doubtless such better pay could be allowed. Wire whether in your judgment a sufficient number of men could be recruited and organized under either of these plans and which plan you consider the better. Urgent, immediate reply wanted.

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Attest:

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