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IN ANSWERING REFER TO
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Referring to previous correspondence with reference to the proposed Border Patrol, it should be borne in mind that if such patrol service is authorized, the matter of providing all necessary equipment and supplies, such as automobiles, trucks, motor cycles, arms and amunition, clothing and provisions, will immediately become a pressing and urgent problem and as such organization should be supplied at the minimum cost and with the least possible delay and as it will be unable to go into the open market, in these days, and make purchases at reasonable rates and without encountering interniable delays in shipments, arrangements should be made with the War Department to purchase all supplies and equipment direct from the Quartermasters Department where ever located on the border, with the understanding, of course, that the War Department will be reimbursed from the funds which may be provided to maintain such organization.

It is desired to call attention to the previous suggestions that the men ^{if possible under existing laws,} be required to enlist in the patrol service for some given period and that the requirements of the Army be followed in this respect, as it is believed that it will be exceedingly difficult under any other plan to maintain proper discipline and compell the men to remain with the service.

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