

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 5002/763

September 27, 1918.

Thomas M. Courley,
Immigrant Inspector,
Marfa, Texas.

From your letter of the 24th instant, it is noted that a considerable number of Mexican aliens in the Big Bend District have returned to Mexico and that many of them "have taken camp on the Mexican side from where they cross daily back and forth to their work on this side of the line." Every effort is being made to secure a sufficient force to effectively enforce the provisions of the passport law and regulations and until such time as the necessary assistance is furnished, the situation will have to be controlled as best as it can be with the officers now available. It is suggested that you request the co-operation of the military authorities in preventing crossings in violation of the passport law, Executive Proclamation and regulations. For the information of the military authorities, ^{in your locality} there are inclosed two copies of pamphlets containing the Passport Law, Executive Proclamation and regulations.

The information contained in the last paragraph of your letter of the 24th instant has been communicated to the Local Agent, in Charge, of the Bureau of Investigation.

(Signed) F. W. Berkshire.

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Supervising Inspector.