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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL SMITH:

Subject: Border Patrol.

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1. A second meeting, for the consideration of the above subject, was held in the board room from 10 AM to 12:15 PM today attended by the following:

- Miss Katherine R. Pike, Assistant in Charge of Customs, Treasury Department,
- Asst. Surgeon General, R. H. Creel, Public Health Service, Treasury Department,
- Dr. E. B. Ball, Director of Scientific Work, Department of Agriculture,
- Dr. W. A. Orton (in the absence of Dr. C. L. Marlatt) Federal Horticultural Board, Department of Agriculture,
- Mr. E. E. Sasser, Federal Horticultural Board, Department of Agriculture,
- Dr. G. W. Pope, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture,
- Hon. W. W. Husband, Commissioner General of Immigration, Department of Labor,
- Mr. David D. Caldwell, Department of Justice.

2. Information was received that Mr. E. C. Yellowley, Chief of Prohibition Agents, and in his absence Mr. W. H. Kennedy, Field Supervisor, had been designated as representative of the Prohibition Commissioner, Internal Revenue Bureau, in the deliberations on the above subject, but neither were present.

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3. As before, the discussion ran along the line of setting forth difficulties in the execution of their respective tasks, and showed that the great need of all services was the establishment of an effective patrol along the border between established ports of entry, to prevent illegal or clandestine entry, and to force all traffic through the regular ports where it could be dealt with by the appropriate authorities.

4. As a step in this direction it was brought out that a greater distribution of police authority among the several services was desirable, and a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Husband, Miss Pike, Dr. Marlatt and Mr. Caldwell was appointed to work out a plan whereby it could be done, and make suitable recommendation to the full committee.

5. One suggestion was that it might be feasible to institute a patrol force under a central authority and that this be delegated to



the Bureau of Investigations, Department of Justice. It was questioned whether it would not further complicate the situation by having an additional agency dealing with it. The point was referred to the above sub-committee for further investigation.

6. Other suggestions made were, (a) a redrafting of departmental regulations, where advisable, with a view to providing for better coordinated efforts among the several services; (b) a careful study of deficiencies in existing law, and a united effort to secure desirable modifications. These will require further study before any decisions can be arrived at.

7. The committee adjourned to await word from the sub-committee that it was prepared to make a report to the full committee which would then meet upon call of the Chairman.

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