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Hon. Luther Weedin,
Commissioner of Immigration,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Weedin:

Some time ago a committee from the various departments interested in guarding the borders was created for the purpose of determining whether coordination of the work was feasible and at the first meeting some two or three weeks ago each departmental representative explained the nature of their border work and it seemed quite apparent that all were not coordinated to about the fullest extent possible. In fact about the only tangible result of the conference was the rather united expression of opinion that a separate and distinct border patrol service ought to be established on the Mexican Border to do purely police work leaving officers of the various services practically free from police duty. Probably this would not apply to the Canadian border except in certain localities but it is believed that it would be highly desirable on our southern frontier.

Another meeting of the committee was held Monday and a subcommittee was appointed to consider the question of whether the Customs inspectors had greater police powers than the officers of other services and if so whether immigration officers and representatives of the Department of Agriculture working on the Border could not be appointed special Customs inspectors for the purpose of conferring upon them such additional authority as the Customs men may possess.

I hope I have made this clear and will be glad if you will make whatever comments you may desire upon the general proposition.

Very truly yours,

(Sign: W. W. HUSBAND

Commissioner General.

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