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Mr. I. F. Wixon, Commissioner of Immigration, U. S. Immigration Service, Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. Wixon:

I have read with interest your letter of the 12th instant and Mr. Twitchell's communication of December 22 transmitted therewith. While we, of course, desire to cooperate with other branches of the Government Service as we have in the past, I fully agree with you that our Berder Patrol must not become subservient to any other service. We will work together but not underneath.

I am becoming mighty proud of the achievements of the Border Patrol force and took real pride in submitting the record of work up to November 15 to the Committee on Appropriations. It seemed to me that the record was rather remarkable and I expect that when the force is fully organized and in working condition we will be entirely able to make a showing that any Government office would be proud of.

You will be glad to know that the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for patrol workers not reduced by the House Committee, and that \$88,000 instead of \$38,000 as during the present year will be available for the purchase and maintenance of vehicles for Border Patrol work.

The Bureau having succeeded in creating a permanent Border Patrol force and uniforms having been adopted. I am a little afraid that I am not quite so enthusiastic about a

border police entirely divorced from the Immigration Service. However, I fully agree with you that from a business standpoint a unified border patrol serving all Government interests would be the thing. Sincerely yours. (Through the Chief Clerk)

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