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Commissioners of Immigration, District Directors, U. S. Immigration Districts.

General Order No. 61 is intended to apply only to districts in which Border Patrol officers operate. It is to become effective beginning with April 1, and the reports called for therein will be submitted periodically on and after that date.

Border Patrol subdistricts will be continued as already established for the time being. The titles of the respective officers identified with the Border Patrol will be changed as of April 1. Assistant Superintendents will be appointed in due course, as the needs of the respective districts are determined, while the present Patrol Officers in Charge will be appointed Chief Patrol Inspectors and new appointments issued to them as soon as practicable. Recommendations looking to the appointment of Senior Patrol Inspectors should be made by Officers in Charge of Districts.

Supervisors of Border Patrol will visit the respective districts as soon as opportunity permits and will collaborate with the respective officers in charge thereof in promoting uniformity of procedure, coordination of effort with adjoining patrol districts, and the promotion of efficiency generally. When Officers in Charge of Districts are not in accord with suggestions or proposals offered by the Supervisors of Border Patrol for reorganization or other changes in the way of operation of the Border Patrol, they shall submit in writing to the Commissioner General their reasons against adopting such suggestions or proposals.

All proposed rules and regulations governing Border Patrol procedure or operation, drafted by Officers in Charge of Districts, will be submitted to the Commissioner General, and will not be promulgated until approved. Officers in Charge of Districts will be expected to systematize the filing of reports, so that they will be in a position to furnish a complete analysis of the work performed by the Border Patrol in their respective districts when submitting data in connection with their annual reports.

An initial supply of forms is being furnished the districts in which the Border Patrol operates and will be followed by an additional supply as soon as available. Further supplies of these forms, when needed, will be furnished upon requisition.

HARRY E. HULL, Commissioner General.