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During the course of the writer's recent survey of the Florida Patrol District, he was advised by District Director Kirk that so far as he knew none of the patrol inspectors in his district had ever been called upon for oral examination. The writer was very greatly surprised to learn this and was unable to offer any explanation. The writer is sure the Bureau will thoroughly agree with him that the oral examination should be uniformly accorded to all patrol inspector candidates who have successfully passed the written test. In no other way is it possible so effectively to weed out obvious misfits and save the Service later trouble and expense.

On the occasion of the writer's visit to the Bureau in January last, Assistant Secretary White asked Mr. Wagner if it could not be arranged for the Civil Service Commission to furnish the Bureau with lists of patrol inspector candidates, who had successfully passed the written examination immediately the ratings in connection therewith had been determined, without waiting for the oral examination to be held and subsequent publication of combined ratings. This was with a view to furnish the various District Directors of Border Patrol Districts with the names of the candidates who had passed the written test sufficiently in advance to permit of an investigation of their antecedents, so that when the final ratings were published and certificates furnished, the District Directors would be able promptly to make nominations.

The writer is reminded of this matter by the fact that there is a large class of immigrant inspector candidates and patrol inspector candidates participating in a Civil Service examination at El Paso to-day. If arrangements with the Civil Service Commission along the lines indicated have not already been made, may the writer suggest that such action be taken in the no distant future?

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