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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS  
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MONTREAL, CANADA

SUBOFFICE:

Massena, New York.  
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Montreal, Canada.

Replying to your letter of August 15th, file 729/C, and your letter of the 8th instant, file 729, I have to advise of the following allocation of patrol inspectors in this patrol subdistrict.

Fort Covington, New York.

A unit of one senior patrol inspector and two patrol inspectors patrols from Trout River, New York to Hogansburg, New York, a distance of approximately twenty-seven miles. The entire distance is land boundary and is crossed by at least a dozen roads and as many more trails and wagon roads. There is also the Salmon River, a navigable tributary of the St. Lawrence River, flowing through Fort Covington. In addition to these means of illegal entry of aliens, the Canadian National Railroad running from Montreal, P. Q. to Massena, N.Y., passes through Fort Covington.

Massena, New York.

A unit of one senior patrol inspector and two patrol inspectors patrols from Hogansburg, New York to Waddington, New York a distance of approximately thirty miles, wholly a navigable water boundary, namely the St. Lawrence River. In addition to this river there are three other navigable rivers and one canal, all accessible from the boundary. There is also the International Bridge from Cornwall, Ontario to Nyando, New York.

Morristown, New York.

A unit of one Senior patrol inspector and two patrol inspectors patrols from Waddington, New York to Alexandria Bay, New York, a distance of approximately fifty-five miles of navigable water boundary, namely the St. Lawrence River, that can be crossed at any point by boats. In the winter months when the river is frozen over aliens can walk across at any point.

Depauville, New York.

A unit of one senior patrol inspector and two patrol

inspectors patrols from Alexandria Bay to the Jefferson County Line, a distance of approximately one hundred and thirty miles of shore line. This district is infested with boats of all descriptions that can land at almost any place along the shore or up any of the rivers or creeks. Numerous roads lead from the shore and terminate at the main highways.

In reference to additional men it is deemed advisable to establish a unit of three men at Hogansburg, New York, for the following reasons. The City of Cornwall, Ontario is situated across the St. Lawrence River directly opposite Hogansburg, New York and is used as a base for aliens seeking illegal entry into the United States. The means of illegal entry are the New York Central Railroad and the International Bridge, both of which cross the boundary at Nyando, New York, three miles from Hogansburg, New York, and by crossing the St. Lawrence River in boats piloted by Indians of the St. Regis Reservation. In the winter months when the river is frozen over and the roads are closed to automobile traffic it is impossible to patrol from Fort Covington or Massena to Hogansburg, but aliens can cross the river on the ice at any point and then proceed to their destination with small chance of being apprehended. This arrangement would relieve the Fort Covington unit of five miles on the west and the Massena unit of seven miles on the east. Another unit of three additional men should be established at Sacketts Harbor, New York to relieve the unit stationed at present at Depauville, New York of part of their territory. In order to successfully operate these two units, two additional cars will be needed. Insofar as the headquarters (Massena, New York) of this patrol subdistrict is concerned it is thought that the services of a clerk would tend to relieve the Chief Patrol Inspector of the routine office work. This clerk could at times be used to good advantage for outside work.

These additional patrol inspectors would require the following equipment.

- (7) revolvers
- (7) flashlights
- (2) Moeller 6X binoculars

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