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TWELFTH SUPPLEMENT TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 10.

SUBJECT: Retention of documentary evidence of nationality in cases of aliens released from custody during deportation proceedings.

It frequently happens that aliens who are subjects of deportation proceedings and are released from custody, with or without bond, with permission to depart voluntarily at their own expense, do not depart and it is later developed never had any intention of doing so. In order to avoid affording aliens so released an opportunity to delay or prevent deportation it is directed that the alien in such cases be required to name the port from which he intends to depart and approximate date, and that all documentary evidence of nationality, including passport, when available, be forwarded at the proper time in advance to the District Officer in Charge having jurisdiction of the port of intended departure. That officer will cause the documents not to be delivered to the alien until he actually departs or shows unmistakable evidence of intention to do so in accordance with the terms of the outstanding warrant. In any other case where an alien turns over his passport or other documentary evidence of nationality to an immigration officer, such passport and evidence should not, during pendency of deportation proceedings against the alien, be returned to him, under any circumstances, without authority from the bureau or department.

It is further directed that where the bureau has authorized an alien to be joined to a deportation party and it is not ascertained until immediately prior to the arrival of the party that there is available a passport or other documentary evidence of nationality suitable for use in effecting his deportation, the passport and other documentary evidence shall be placed in the regular Personal Property envelope (along with any money or other personal property belonging to the alien), customarily handed to the officer in charge of the party, and delivered to the appropriate immigration officer at the port of departure.

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