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Commissioner General of Immigration,  
Washington, D. C.

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There are transmitted herewith copies of a report made by Patrol Inspector Jerome A. Martin, under date of the 29th ultimo, from which it appears that he and Patrol Inspector George W. Parker, Jr. that date encountered a liquor smuggler on the river near El Paso, Texas; that when challenged by the officers, the smuggler retreated and then opened fire upon them; that Patrol Inspector Martin returned the fire, and that apparently no casualties resulted.

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El Paso, Texas.  
November 29, 1927.

Chief Patrol Inspector,  
El Paso, Texas.

On the above date Patrol Inspector George W. Parker, Jr. and I were on duty in the Standpipes district and at about twelve o'clock, noon, we were on the levee in an auto at a point about 500 yards above the Standpipes when we saw a man who was carrying something upon his back cross the river about 300 yards below the Standpipes. We made a run with the car to intercept him and when we were about a hundred yards from him I called to him, ordering him to halt and telling him that we were Federal Officers. Instead of obeying the command he dropped his burden and ran back across the river towards Mexico. Reaching the levee on the Mexican shore the man dropped behind some and fired four shots at us, using a pistol for the purpose. I returned the fire, firing but two shots. Inspector Parker did not fire any shots, and it is not believed that the Mexican was hit.

The sack which the Mexican had dropped upon his arrival on this side was found to contain four and one half gals. and six pints of etol, two pints of port wine and four pints of ainse, all of which was delivered to Border Patrol Headquarters.

(signed) Jerome A. Martin  
Patrol Inspector.

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Office Chief Patrol Inspector,  
El Paso, Texas,  
Nov. 30, 1927.

OFFICIAL COPY hereof, in sextuplicate, respectfully furnished the District Director, U. S. Immigration Service, El Paso, Texas, for his information. He is further advised that the above amount of liquor was delivered this date to Mounted Customs Inspector L. S. Porter and his receipt taken for same.

(Signed) Chester C. Courtney.

CCC:WCG

Acting Chief Patrol Inspector