

TO ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
Nogales, Arizona

(1) For your information and guidance there is quoted below in full the following circular letter:

"Office of District Director
El Paso, Texas
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Inspector in Charge,
Nogales, Arizona.

While it is not appropriate for this office to issue orders that officers and employees of this Service shall not visit the towns and cities in Mexico adjacent to the Border, except upon official business and when specifically so detailed, it nevertheless is its earnest desire that such officers and employees shall refrain from visits of such frequency as may reflect upon the well being or good name of the Service. It seems hardly necessary to point out the many pernicious and insidious influences and temptations to which officers and employees making such visits may be subjected. These influences and temptations have in the past proven harmful in an unfortunately large number of cases. When, therefore, there is any reason for the belief that any officer or employee is visiting Mexico too frequently for the well being or good name of the Service, or that he is not properly conducting himself when making any such visit, or visits, the facts should be reported fully to this office in order that it may make appropriate representations to the Bureau for such remedial action as may seem proper.

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(Signed) George J. Harris,
District Director. "

✓ (2) Immigration officers and employees must not while on duty indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, or elsewhere.

✓ (3) Immigration officers and employees must not while in uniform, either off or on duty, indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, or elsewhere.

✓ (4) Immigration officers and employees must not indulge in the use of intoxicants to such an extent that the odor of liquor can be detected on the breath while on duty.

(5) Immigration officers and employees ~~must~~ ^{should} not ~~under~~ ⁱⁿ any circumstances become intoxicated ~~or~~ indulge in the use of intoxicants to excess ~~or~~ indulge in the use of intoxicants to such an extent as to bring ~~themselves or~~ the Service into disrepute.

(6) So far as this circular is concerned, beer will be regarded as an intoxicant.

(7) In any instance wherein it is shown that an Immigration officer or employee indulges in the use of intoxicants on the American side of the line it will be presumed that the beverage is contraband and that the officer, therefore, is guilty of at least conniving to violate a law of the United States, which, under the terms of Section 26 of the National Prohibition Act, he is charged with enforcing."

(Signed) R. M. COUSAR
Inspector in Charge.

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