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IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
MONTREAL, CANADA
SUBDISTRICT: ROUSES POINT, N. Y.

April 25, 1928

Officer in Charge,
Patrol District No. 1,
Montreal, Canada.

In accordance with your instructions, you are advised that I made a tour of inspection of Patrol Subdistrict No. 1, on April 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, and as you already know I had to make the trip all by trains, as the condition of the highways in Maine at this time of the year are very bad.

The substations visited were Calais, Vanceboro, Houlton, and a proposed substation at Van Buren, Maine.

The equipment was inspected and all the automobiles in subdistrict No. 1, with a few minor repairs will continue to carry on the balance of the year unless they have some major accidents.

I found that patrol officers were obtaining receipt form 644 from immigrant inspectors for aliens turned over to them, contrary to the third paragraph on page 3 of General Order No. 61, dated March 18th, 1926, which in my estimation was causing some friction between the two branches of the Service: I suggested to the Chief Patrol Inspector to discontinue this procedure.

The procedure which I have already suggested to the Chiefs of subdistricts No. 3 and 4, in the matter of furnishing other Departments and Branches of the Government, which is covered in the fourth paragraph of my report of the inspection of subdistrict No. 4, dated April 16th, was also taken up with Chief Gray and patrol officers, and they all thought it a good plan and will put same into effect at once. Also the notations suggested to be placed on their daily reports where other Departments request their assistance and no results were obtained was also gone into, and explained to them all.

It is gratifying to report that from my observations, Chief Patrol Inspector Gray is well informed as to the conditions within his subdistrict and appears to have splendid control of the officers under his supervision.

I would suggest that the advisability of placing a two men patrol with an automobile at Van Buren, Me., be given consideration: This patrol would cover the situation at Hamlin,

Me., which I understand has given this Service considerable trouble in the past, especially while the water project at Grand Falls, N. B., is under way: They would also keep under surveillance all the river front to St. Francis, Me., a distance of 55 miles. There are great opportunities for alien smuggling in that vicinity and it would be advisable to bring the situation under patrol supervision as soon as possible.

At Fort Fairfield, Me., I find we have only one patrol officer and taking into consideration the location of the highways and railroad stations on the Canadian side, I strongly recommend that another patrol officer be appointed for that substation: Therefore, three new patrol inspectors will be necessary for this subdistrict and one additional automobile.

It is my understanding that subdistrict No. 1, originally had 12 patrol officers and it is now manned by only 10 officers, if such is the case, there would only be one new position to be created in order to bring his force up to my recommendation.

Respectfully submitted;

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