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EL PASO, TEX.

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There is attached hereto, in triplicate, copy of report submitted by Patrol Inspector Herschel W. Patterson, with reference to an exchange of shots between himself and Mexican smugglers at about 11:00 A. M. on the 30th ultimo. It might be explained that Patrol Inspector Patterson was on his way home at the time and therefore alone.

There seems to be no doubt that this officer was justified in firing upon the smugglers.

G. C. Whitcomb
District Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

El Paso, Texas,
December 1, 1928.

Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas.

You are respectfully advised that about 11 A. M. November 30, 1928, the writer was going up the levee near 9th street this city when two men were seen coming out of the river with loads on their backs. At the time I was about two hundred yards away, the men threw their loads down and ran back to the Mexican side, at the same time a man opened fire from the Mexican side and I answered with a pistol. There were about twenty shots fired in all. It is thought that no one was injured.

The above mentioned loads were conveyed to Border Patrol Headquarters and found to be about twenty four gallons of assorted liquors.

You are further advised that the writer was on annual leave at this time.

Herschel W. Patterson
Patrol Inspector.

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Office of Chief Patrol Inspector
El Paso, Texas,
December 3, 1928.

OFFICIAL COPY hereof in quadruplicate respectfully furnished the District Director, U. S. Immigration Service, El Paso, Texas, for his information and file with the advice that the above mentioned liquor was delivered to the Local Mounted Customs Inspector in Charge and the receipt of J. B. Short taken for same, on the 30th ultimo.

(Signed) H. C. HORSLEY,

BAR/

Chief Patrol Inspector.

(Copied-AF)