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Bureau letter No. 55409/General of January 15th has been discussed with the Assistant Superintendent of Border Patrol and I beg to enclose his report on the qualifications of patrol inspectors who have passed the examination for immigrant inspector. In asking formally for a report I said:

"But, as I said January 18th, I do not want any patrol inspector 'kicked up stairs' to get him out of the Patrol Service. Nor can we afford to recommend patrol inspectors for appointment as immigrant inspectors simply as a reward of merit. The men who are to be recommended must be only those who will make good as immigrant inspectors. The requirements for the two positions are not the same and a man who makes good in one service may not necessarily make good in the other. It would be far better for him personally, and for the service, for him to remain in the Patrol Service. While most of the patrol inspectors who were promoted have made good, there are a few unfortunate instances which have kept down the average and have been very embarrassing.

So please make our report with the greatest care and submit it in triplicate."

I do not concur in the recommendation to appoint Patrol Inspectors George D. Gaffield and Wallace K. Williams. Inspector Gaffield told me today that he expects to leave the service in the near future to engage in business. Inspector Williams has applied for a transfer to the Customs Patrol, presumably on account of the initial salary there being \$2100.

I do not concur in the recommendation to appoint Patrol Inspector Martin Kutner. While he has many good qualities, a "hard boiled" inspector causes too much friction with the public. We are trying to place inspectors where their character and ability will give a maximum of efficiency with a minimum of trouble, but there is a limit to our ability to make entirely satisfactory placements.

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I concur in the recommendations not to appoint Inspectors Walter W. Buckley, Albert T. Yarrington and Dennis J. Ryan. I do this with much regret in Inspector Buckley's case, because he is a very energetic officer and has done much good work. Inspector Ryan has been under investigation recently, following a complaint that he was taking liquor into the United States or permitting it to be taken in; this investigation has not been completed.

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