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Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
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There is attached hereto, in duplicate, report of Chief Patrol Inspector Chester C. Courtney relative to the apprehension of six liquor smugglers together with the seizure of 1625 quarts of alcoholic liquors and five automobiles on the early morning of October 13, 1930, while working in cooperation with Mounted Customs Officers.

The total value of the seizures is estimated to be \$41,450.00 and constitutes one of the most important liquor "catches" of recent years in this district.

Judging from the number of apprehensions and seizures of liquor made within the past few weeks it seems apparent that holiday liquor is already moving across the border.

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Office of Chief Patrol Inspector,  
Marfa, Texas.

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IMMIGRATION SERVICE  
EL PASO, TEXAS

District Director,  
U. S. Immigration Service,  
El Paso, Texas.

On Saturday October 11, 1930, Mr. T. C. Taylor, Chief Mounted Customs Inspector asked that this Service assist him with as many officers as possible in watching different roads for two Cadillac sedans and one Buick sedan reported in this section for a cargo of Mexican liquor.

Mr. Taylor was short of officers on account of all except two being ordered to El Paso, Texas for court.

Since all officers of these headquarters were working on an immigration case, it was necessary to call in from Valentine, Texas, Senior Patrol Inspector Ware A. Hord and Patrol Inspector Edwin Dorn to assist Customs Officers Wilson Bourland and Rollie Nichols. After these four officers had played "hide and go seek" with these three cars watching them as they maneuvered around over the roads preparing to load out, Senior Patrol Inspector Hord telephoned in from Candelaria, Texas through Valentine, Texas for a team of officers to cover the junction of the Presidio-Ruidosa road near Marfa, Texas all Sunday night as the three cars were expected out before morning.

Assignments were made to this road, and as most of the officers were already worn out working on another case it was decided to divide the night watching the Presidio-Ruidosa road by assigning two shifts. The writer, Senior Patrol Inspector Fallis and Patrol Inspector Harry W. Clarkson watching until 1:30 a.m., being relieved by Senior Patrol Inspectors Alvin N. Ogden and James W. Metcalfe and Patrol Inspector Edward C. Dennis. While the latter three were watching for the two Cadillacs and one Buick at the junction of the Presidio-Ruidosa road, they seized at 5 a.m. Monday morning, the 13th instant, one Chevrolet sedan and one Pontiac sedan and 16 cases of Mexican liquor (Cognac and Aguardiente) and arrested four Mexicans, Cruz Ramos, Jesus Carrasco, Mariano Mendez and Frederico Alvarez. About 2 a.m. the same morning Customs Officers Wilson Bourland and Rollie Nichols and Senior Patrol Inspector Ware A. Hord and Patrol Inspector Edwin Dorn made a joint seizure at Capote creek between Candelaria and Brites of the two Cadillac sedans and the Buick sedan and 225½ gallons alcohol, 172 pints whiskey and 650 pints beer and arrested two Americans, Tommie Hughs and E. L. Dodd. Two other men made good their escape when stopped. It was rather a good morning.

C. C. COURTNEY  
Chief Patrol Inspector

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