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*Bring replies
to attention
of Mr. [unclear]*

The Bureau has learned that no inconsiderable number of patrol officers have demonstrated proficiency as marksmen, both with the pistol and the rifle; that in fact they have engaged from time to time in friendly competitive matches with organizations within and without their respective districts.

The Bureau is very much interested in this matter and would be glad to encourage this very wholesome activity in every manner consistently possible, with which thought in mind it is requested that you furnish it with a list of the names of patrol officers in your organization, with their respective ranks, who have demonstrated a high degree of marksmanship, either in competitive matches or otherwise, indicating with which class of firearm this proficiency has been demonstrated. With this thought in mind, the Bureau might suggest to you the advisability of a series of local tryouts amongst the most promising men in your organization, with both rifle and pistol at regulation distances. It is believed the regulation targets can be secured informally from the Army or Navy post nearest to your border patrol units.

While the Bureau does not wish to give any orders with reference to these tryouts nor any dates upon which they should be held, it nevertheless would appreciate it if the scores as to the various officers could be furnished within the next month. In sending in ratings, reference should be made to any past records of unusual merit.

(Signed) GEORGE J. HARRIS

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*Replies to
Mr. [unclear]*

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