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District Director of Immigration,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8th, No. 522/A, in which you ask whether Border Patrol officers in Florida should participate in the Second Annual Florida Police Pistol League matches to be held at Miami, Fla.

It is observed that the patrol officers participated in the match held at St. Petersburg, Fla., in February of last year, and met with considerable success, one of the officers having made the highest individual general average score in the pistol matches during the tournament.

It is believed that the participation of the patrol officers in an affair of this kind promotes good relations between the Patrol Service and the peace authorities of Florida, and that such participation will not encourage the indiscriminate use of firearms on their part, of which you appear to be apprehensive. After all, patrol officers are furnished firearms for the purpose of self-defense and in cases of extreme emergency, and there would seem to be no reason why they should not be encouraged to become proficient in the use of firearms. Under the circumstances, the Bureau approves of the officers participating in the meet.

By direction of the Commissioner General,

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I. P. WIXON  
Director of Field Service

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