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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER:

At the behest of a large majority of immigrant inspectors, permission was granted for them to wear long trousers in place of breeches and puttees.

While no petition has been filed by patrol inspectors, nevertheless request has been received from different members of the force for permission to wear long trousers, the last one being from Patrol Inspector Kight of Del Rio, Texas, who accompanied his request with a medical certificate to the effect that he is suffering from epidermophytosis, which in his doctor's opinion cannot be cured unless Mr. Kight is permitted to wear lowquarter shoes.

During a recent trip of Mr. Kelly and myself along the Mexican Border various officers connected with the patrol spoke of how uncomfortable are puttees during the summer months, and expressed the hope that they might be permitted to wear long trousers at least during that season of the year.

While in my opinion the breeches and puttees go to the completion of a more snappy uniform, at the same time it does not seem that officers should be made to suffer unduly merely for appearance sake. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that specifications for a summer uniform be drafted to provide for the wearing of long trousers on the southern border from April 1st to October 1st.

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Deputy Commissioner