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July 24, 1935.

Charles Askins, Jr.,
Instructor in Firearms,
c/o District Director of Immigration & Naturalization,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Askins:

As you know, we hope to have a team to represent the Service at the matches to be fired at Camp Perry, Ohio, beginning September 1st. In view of the fact that in firing the elimination matches in various districts no single arm is universally being used, and undoubtedly very few officers are using the .45 caliber automatic pistol with which the national matches are to be fired, considerable difficulty will be experienced in selecting the best shots we have for the team.

It has occurred to me that inasmuch as you are somewhat acquainted with most of our good shots and are better able to properly analyze the scores which will be received at the Central Office from the various districts during the early part of August, it might be a good idea for you, upon the completion of your detail in the Seattle district, to proceed to Detroit for the purpose of giving firearms instruction and searching for Camp Perry team material, and to report from there to the Central Office to assist in selecting men for the team which, of course, will be captained by you at Camp Perry. Then if sufficient time should remain before the opening at Camp Perry, we could detail you to the Buffalo district to instruct the officers there.

Major Mills, Executive Officer of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, has informally advised me that although our team will have to be classified as a civilian team in order for the Board to defray its expenses to the matches at Camp Perry, it will be listed as a "Service" team, in order that it may be placed into competition with the teams representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc., and if our team is thrown into such competition, naturally we should give some attention to the ability of prospective team members, so as not to tail the field. However, this will be discussed with you when and if you come to Washington. *also*

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Please acquaint me with your views with regard to the above by air mail at once, in order that the necessary travel orders may issue in the event you are in accord with this proposal.

Wishing you success in the Seattle district, I remain

Very truly yours,

W. F. KELLY
Supervisor

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