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Commissioner of  
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Attention: W. H. Wagner, Assistant  
( Through District Director, Detroit District )

There are inclosed herewith four copies and tracing of the proposed Border Patrol sub-district headquarters prepared after consultation with various officials here.

The plan shows the building located on a piece of land 200 feet square. The appearance would probably be improved by setting the building back farther from the street than is shown.

Storage space was provided for three cars. The shop is of sufficient size to have one car on the grease rack, being greased by the laborer, and one car under repair by the auto mechanic. The inside width of the shop cannot be decreased under 23 feet, since experience here with a shop about 21 feet wide indicates that an additional two feet is essential with the new and longer cars. In order to provide adequate shop space, it was considered necessary to put the wash rack out of doors, under a shed roof, which should be satisfactory on the southern border.

The assembly room, the Senior Patrol Inspector's room, and the watch room were put on the first floor for convenience to the men. A toilet is provided on both floors which is considered a necessity.

It is believed that a better arrangement of the halls, stairs, toilets, and boiler room can be secured that will be more economical of space and more convenient. The size of the various rooms is ample, in fact, the total floor area might be reduced 15 percent with a possible reduction in the estimated cost of the office space from \$25,740 to \$21,879 or \$3,861. The size of the Border Patrol Building here is about 75x33 feet and provides adequate space for the large force here.

It would appear that after comparing the size of the rooms in use here with the size shown on the drawing, and considering the fact that, in general, there is a fewer number of men in the southern sub-district, the length of the building could be reduced from 60 feet to 54 feet without decreasing the usefulness of the rooms. The hall should then be reduced from 12 feet to about 8 feet, and a small basement provided for the heating plant and fuel storage, instead of providing a room on the first floor for this purpose.

A further improvement in the plan shown would be to provide, on the first floor, in the space now labeled "boiler room" a small room about 8x12 feet for lockers and remove the lockers from the assembly room. This room should be adjacent to the toilet room and connecting with it.

Since radio transmitting facilities have been considered for the various sub-districts on the southern border, it is believed that at least the radio antenna should be included in the construction contract. This structure should be a guyed steel-fabricated or tubular mast about 125 feet high, with insulated base and guy wires. Such a mast would cost about \$2,000 installed.

Respectfully

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