

June 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER:

In a recent report Mr. Kelly recommended the transfer of border patrol headquarters for the eastern section of Texas from Brownsville to McAllen. District Director Whalen has now submitted a similar recommendation and has asked for telegraphic authority to make the move.

Brownsville is on the extreme easterly tip of Texas, where it adjoins Mexico, whereas McAllen is in the center of that patrol sub-district. There can be no question but that McAllen is the logical place for patrol headquarters.

More than two years ago we requested the Treasury Department to provide for the construction of a building for border patrol headquarters at Brownsville and, according to a letter received from the Treasury Department, this has been included as one of the projects in the Third Deficiency Bill.

We are certain to meet with strenuous protest if we move headquarters from Brownsville to McAllen. Before we had received any recommendation for the transfer some of the Congressmen from Texas telephoned and were advised that no such plan was in contemplation.

It may not be advisable at this time to make the change, but it is believed that we should ask to have the building for patrol headquarters constructed at McAllen instead of Brownsville. No doubt this will also meet with protest but since it represents a \$50,000 project the logical location should be selected.

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