

IMMIGRATION BORDER PATROL

QUESTION X

To what extent are the activities of the Patrol determined by the policy of the Secretary of Labor? To what extent are the actions and programs of the Patrol subject to the approval of the Secretary of Labor, an Assistant Secretary, or the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization? Give specific examples.

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To the same extent that the activities of all units of any federal department are determined by the executive head, the activities of the Immigration Border Patrol are determined by policy of the Secretary of Labor. The primary purpose of the Immigration Border Patrol is to prevent the illegal entry of aliens, and therefore only the one policy can govern.

Departmental policies and instructions are communicated to the field through the medium of regulations, general orders and circular letters, and, as indicated by the exhibits in connection with the answer to Question No. 2, there has been no change in policies since the Immigration Border Patrol was organized, unless the severance of the Patrol from the Immigration Service proper and the reuniting of the two branches, referred to in answer to Question No. 11, are to be regarded as matters of policy.

The Immigration Border Patrol is a unit of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and is under the direction of the Commissioner



of Immigration and Naturalization, who issues all governing regulations subject to the approval of the Secretary of Labor. To that extent all of its "actions and programs" are subject to their approval.

Aside from what is said in answer to Question No. 2, there are no examples that can be cited by way of illustration.