

IMMIGRATION BORDER PATROL.

QUESTIONS XXVI, XXX and XXXI.---

Does the Immigration Border Patrol receive requests from state and local police relative to the apprehension of fugitives from justice? If so does the Patrol uniformly act on such requests? Give details.

To what extent is the effectiveness of the Immigration Border Patrol dependent upon co-operation with state and local law enforcement agencies?

To what extent and in what ways are co-operative relationships now established with such agencies?

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As these three questions relate to different phases of the same general subject, but a single answer is submitted. In a measure, co-operative arrangements between law enforcement agencies are the direct result of the various officials being drawn together through a community of interests. In most sections of the country it is a matter of common understanding between such agencies that opportunities to assist each other are always welcomed. The Immigration Border Patrol has not rested content with this generally accepted implied arrangement. On the contrary, far more active and effective relationships have been successfully cultivated, through personal contact, conference, and the extension of unsolicited co-operative acts.

At its request, the Immigration Border Patrol has been placed on the mailing lists of many state and local agencies,

receiving not only the more or less generally distributed lookout notices, but also requests for special action in the cases of wanted criminals. It is the invariable rule of the Immigration Border Patrol that these matters receive prompt action, even to the extent, in aggravated cases, of special details in the interest of the requesting agency. Through this co-operative effort criminals of every stripe have been apprehended for state and local agencies by the Immigration Border Patrol.

State and local agencies assist the Immigration Border Patrol in like manner. (See tabulation submitted in connection with Question 34).

Under these circumstances it can hardly be said that the Immigration Border Patrol is dependent upon others, in any measurable degree, for its success. The success of the Immigration Border Patrol is naturally contributed to by the friendly co-operation of state and local agencies, but that friendly co-operation is largely the direct results of its own efforts.