

IMMIGRATION BORDER PATROL

QUESTION II

Copies of departmental orders or instructions prescribing the organization, powers, and duties of the Immigration Border Patrol and dealing with the coordination of the Patrol with other units of the Labor Department and with law enforcement units outside the Labor Department.

---

Attached hereto are copies of General Order No. 61, dated March 18, 1926, subject: "Immigration Border Patrol" (Exhibit No. 2-A); Bureau circular letter dated March 26, 1926, pertaining thereto (Exhibit 2-B); General Order No. 63, dated March 29, 1926, subject: "Authority of Immigration and Border Patrol Officers to Enforce Laws Other Than the Immigration Laws" (Exhibit 2-C); general information pamphlet, dated January, 1936, concerning origin, activities, accomplishments, organization and personnel of the Immigration Border Patrol (Exhibit 2-D); and report forms 643, 644, 644-A, and 650, prescribed in General Order No. 61 (Exhibits 2-E, 2-F, 2-G, and 2-H, respectively).

The title "Officer in Charge" referred to in General Order No. 61 refers to the District Director of Immigration and Naturalization and the title "Assistant Superintendent" corresponds



to the present "District Supervisor of Border Patrol". As will be noted in General Order No. 61 the extent of the Border Patrol districts is identical with the extent of the border immigration and naturalization districts. This holds true also with respect to the Florida District. The District Directors in charge of immigration districts also function as the officers in charge of the Border Patrol districts. Such officers issue the necessary orders and instructions in accordance with the general policy laid down by the Department and Central Office in General Order No. 61, and in correspondence dealing with specific cases regarding coordination and cooperation between the Border Patrol and the regular inspection branch of the Service, and with law enforcement agencies outside of the Labor Department. For this reason the number of Departmental orders or Central Office general instructions regarding this subject is limited.