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C.O. file No. 55922/960-A and 55883/178; November 4, 1940; Border Patrol Subdistrict headquarters buildings at Chula Vista and El Centro.

With reference to Central Office letter above referred to, there are herewith enclosed, each in duplicate, eleven photographs and floor plan of the El Centro Border ^{Patrol} Subdistrict Headquarters and ten photographs of the Chula Vista Subdistrict Headquarters.

In addition to the statements already made to the Budget Bureau, it is desired to state that the building now occupied at El Centro was erected for a farm house in 1909. It is an unplastered, frame structure and termites have so weakened the wooden foundation that the floor sags in several places. It recently became necessary to reinforce the walls of the reception room as they were buckling dangerously. The floor is worn exceedingly thin and has been kept useable by laying battleship linoleum over it. In short, the building, in addition to providing inadequate space, lends no dignity to the Service and, owing to the type of construction and being situated outside the El Centro city limits where there is no protection, constitutes a serious fire hazard.

Although the building occupied at Chula Vista is in better condition than the El Centro quarters, it also is of frame construction and situated outside the fire-protected area. The office quarters and grounds, as exemplified by the photographs enclosed, are wholly inadequate and in fact, when the radio antenna was erected it was found necessary to run the ground wires on to adjoining property. Although arrangements have been made for the present to permit the stabling of horses on the property, there is an existing restriction prohibiting it which may at any time lead to difficulties.

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