District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, Texas.

Your confidential letter No. 3002, August 20, 1942.

Referring to your above indicated letter, you are respectfully advised that the shortage of personnel in this subdistrict has reached the point that it is practically impossible to cover the subdistrict as it should be, even with longer tours of duty, the elimination of lieu time and to decrease the amount of annual leave, however, by concentrating at the so-called "hot spots", and in following the plan outlined in your letter, it seems to the writer to be the only method which can be pursued at this time.

At some of the stations of this subdistrict a considerable amount of overtime is being put in at the present time, and the writer feels sure the officers will be more than willing to perform the extra hours of duty and to give up lieu time and annual leave if you so desire.

The writer is of the opinion it will probably be necessary to strengthen a few stations by eliminating others as it appears the officers on detail out of this subdistrict will not be returned within the immediate future, also, several officers are resigning and transferring which will further curtail the activities of the subdistrict.

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Chief Patrol Inspector