September 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CABELL PHILLIPS,
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am sending you herewith a very brief and I fear hastily prepared draft of a release in connection with our reorganization.

I am sending you also a copy of a memorandum left with me by Mr. Mangione before he departed recently on a field trip. You will be interested in the second paragraph. In the event you want the list of District Directors, it is attached.

I would appreciate it if you will see to it that I receive sufficient copies of the release to circulate among our district offices.

Earl G. Harrison
Commissioner

Enclosures

RELEASE

Attorney General Francis Biddle announced today the completion of a reorganization plan for the Field Service of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, including a reduction in the number of district offices from 22 to 16. The reorganization plan, recommended to the Attorney General by Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Earl G. Harrison, is calculated to effect economies in expenditures and personnel. Certain smaller districts, such as Cincinnati, Denver, Hawaii and Puerto Rico will be merged into and become part of larger districts.

In approving the reorganization the Attorney General said: "While the work of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has expanded tremendously during the past three years, it has been felt that with fewer and larger districts, greater efficiency will be achieved. The decentralization of certain responsibilities now carried by the national headquarters located in Philadelphia will be made possible. Since there will be six fewer district offices to be staffed and quartered, personnel can be reallocated to advantage and with economy."

Each of the new and retained district headquarters of the Immigration Bureau has been internally reorganized and the position of Assistant District Director has been abolished throughout the Service. Immigration and naturalization problems have been consolidated under Operations Officers and, in line with the policy of decentralization, greater emphasis has been placed on personnel management and administrative responsibilities. Under the reorganization district headquarters offices will be retained or set up in the following cities:

St. Albans, Vermont
Boston, Massachusetts
New York, New York
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Baltimore, Maryland
Atlanta, Georgia
Buffalo, New York
Detroit, Michigan
Chicago, Illinois
Spokane, Washington
Kansas City, Missouri
Seattle, Washington
San Francisco, California
San Antonio, Texas
El Paso, Texas
Los Angeles, California

District headquarters heretofore existing in Miami, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, Cincinnati, Ohio, Denver, Colorado, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Honolulu, Hawaii, have been eliminated. This does not mean, the Attorney General pointed out, that offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service will not be maintained in those cities. It means simply that such offices will no longer occupy the status of district headquarters offices.

ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES*

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TOTAL 4,741,971

*Preliminary figures resulting from Alien Registration

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