

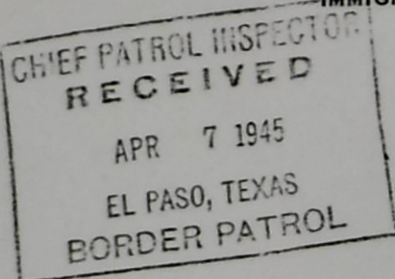
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Mr. George W. Hendricks, Patrol Inspector,
U. S. Immigration Border Patrol,
Columbus, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Hendricks: (Through Official Channels)

I want to take this opportunity to commend you for the part you had in assisting in subduing the group of some 300 unruly Japanese alien enemy internees on the morning of March 12th, 1945, while you were detailed at this Station. I fully realize and appreciate that you, together with your fellow officers, averted a serious uprising and possible serious injury to officers of our Service by reacting unhesitatingly and courageously with disregard for your own personal safety, to orders issued you.

I want to also commend you upon the good judgment shown when it became necessary that force be used in dispersing the militant mob of Japanese who used rocks and other weapons in attacking the officers who sought to break up their group. Despite the fact that you were outnumbered more than fifteen to one, in no instance have I found a case where an internee was injured who had not sought to resist or to lead others in resisting the officers who were dispersing the angry mob.

Sincerely yours,

OFFICE OF CHIEF PATROL INSPECTOR
EL PASO, TEXAS

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Chief Patrol Inspector

IVAN WILLIAMS,
Officer in Charge.

Office of the District Director
El Paso, Texas - April 6, 1945



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District Personnel Officer