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TO : Mr. E. A. Loughran

FROM : W. F. Kelly

SUBJECT: Border Patrol Training School

The Border Patrol Training School is presently housed in the Sector Headquarters at El Paso. The space being used by the School is badly needed by the Chief Patrol Inspector there. The lower classroom is now regularly used for the processing of "wet" aliens. The gymnasium cannot efficiently be so used because of the guard problem and train traffic. It is therefore believed desirable that steps be taken at this time to provide quarters for the School elsewhere. To do so will serve two purposes - to give the Chief Patrol Inspector space that he urgently needs, and to provide more desirable quarters for the School.

In this connection, the District Director has indicated that we can obtain approximately ten acres of land from the City of El Paso adjacent the buildings we now own on the Carlsbad Highway. I believe this would be an excellent location for the Training School.

In discussions with the Bureau of Prisons, Mr. Bennett has indicated that he would be glad to furnish any amount of labor which we might be in a position to use, and I believe this would be an excellent opportunity to take advantage of this offer.

It is believed that, using typical Mexican adobe construction, the prison labor available can make all the adobe brick that would be required. Likewise, we can get all the labor needed for excavating, mixing and pouring concrete, and the laying of the adobe bricks. In short, a very large percent of the construction of the School can be done with prison labor.

I believe it would be very desirable at this time to purchase the necessary supplies for this job, using funds from the current fiscal year. For example, such items as reinforced steel window frames, door frames, doors, roofing, pipe, etc., which would be required could be purchased in this fiscal year.

If \$5,000 can be made available at this time, it is suggested that it be expended for building materials for this project.

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