

ENFORCEMENT FENCES

<u>Location of proposed Fence</u>	<u>Miles of Proposed Fence</u>	<u>Officers Now in Area</u>	<u>Additional Officers Needed without Fence</u>	<u>Total Apprehensions in Area 7-1-55 to 12-31-55</u>
El Paso	14.0	72	76	5,954
Chula Vista (San Ysidro)	11.4	81	43	3,440
El Centro (Calexico)	2.0	72	43	2,400
Yuma (Andrade)	0.8	79	38	3,320
Brownsville	6.1	74	33	1,804
	<u>34.3</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>16,918</u>

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PERSONNEL INCREASE IN LIEU OF BORDER FENCING

Personal Services

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Patrol inspectors	233	GS-7	\$4,525	\$1,054,325
Airplane pilots	6	GS-11	5,390	38,340
Electronic technicians	1	GS-9	5,440	5,440
Clerk-stenographers	4	GS-3	3,175	12,700
Motor mechanics	2	GS-6	4,080	8,160
Total	246			1,118,965
Uniform allowance				23,900
Overtime pay				163,044
Total Personal Services				<u>1,305,909</u>

Related Expenses

Officer training	\$ 65,000
Standard equipment \$150 per officer	35,850
Standard equipment \$200 per other employees	1,400
Ammunition \$90 per officer per annum	21,510
Removing aliens to Mexico (10,000 @ \$15)	150,000
Office supplies @ \$20 per year per employee	4,920
Communication @ \$54 per year per officer	12,906
6 airplanes @ \$13,000	78,000
15 passenger vehicles @ \$1,400	21,000
20 jeeps @ \$1,300	26,000
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton panel trucks @ \$1,200	12,000
Maintenance & operation of airplanes @ \$2,500	15,000
Maintenance & operation of vehicles @ \$1,200 per annum ea.	54,000
Delivery cost per vehicle @ \$210 per vehicle	9,450
45 two-way radios @ \$600	27,000
20 Handie-talkies @ \$300	6,000
Traffic check equipment, incl. 12 sets lights & sirens @ \$110 set	1,320
Total Related Expenses	<u>541,356</u>

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Total Personal Services 1,305,909

1,847,265

EL PASO

Proposed fence would be located between El Paso and Juarez, Mexico, which are both heavily populated. The fence would serve as a deterrent to numerous crossings, particularly by minors and women, many of whom are law breakers and prostitutes. Where border fences now exist these classes of illegal crossers have been practically eliminated.

CHULA VISTA (San Ysidro)

The proposed fence would separate the heavily populated areas of San Ysidro, California, and Tijuana, Mexico. It would extend from the present fence eastward to a natural land barrier and close the gap on the west between the west end of the present fence and the sea.

EL CENTRO (Calexico)

The proposed fence would be constructed west of Calexico where the All American Canal turns northward and no longer furnishes a natural barrier to illegal entry. There are presently 5.6 miles of fence between Calexico and Mexicali, Mexico. This fence will extend the barrier in an area where the population is concentrated. Law enforcement officers in Calexico report a reduction in crime by 80 to 90% as a result of construction of the existing fence.

YUMA (Andrade)

Proposed fence to be constructed west of Yuma from point where the All American Canal leaves the border to Andrade, California, which is on the Colorado River. Both the canal and river form natural barriers; however, the distance between them offers easy access to the United States and this gap should be closed.

BROWNSVILLE

The Service does not contemplate placing a fence in the Brownsville area because authorities have proposed a series of bear-trap or channel storage dams which would create an artificial water barrier perhaps equally effective for law enforcement purposes. However, until the dams are constructed, additional officers are needed to patrol effectively the heavily populated area. Funds should be made available for fence construction in the event the dam project does not materialize.

SUMMARY

Without funds for construction of fences in the above locations, the present authorized force must be increased 233 Patrol Inspectors for control of the border against illegal crossings. This figure can be reduced to an increase of only 200 officers if a dam is constructed at Brownsville, Texas; however, provision should be made for additional personnel during the interim. Set forth below are comparative costs relative to fence construction and/or personnel and equipment requirements:

FENCE (Including Brownsville)

34.3 miles @ \$42,000 per mile - \$1,440,600

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED IF FUNDS FOR FENCING ARE NOT PROVIDED

Personal services - \$1,305,909

Related expenses - 541,356

TOTAL \$1,847,265