

Chief, Intelligence
U.S. Border Patrol

4 March 1957
Route 1
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Bing;

I know its been one h--l of a long time since we've been in touch and a lot has happened. It should provide conversation for a while when we next get together, which I hope will be soon. I was in Del Rio a couple of months ago and saw Ray Chambers. We had quite a chit-chat. I saw O.W. in San Francisco on my way O'seas.

Bing, I've got a bit of a problem I would like to come into Washington and discuss with you. To clarify it a bit I will give you a run down on what I've been doing since I took military leave from I&NS.

I first was assigned to active duty at 8th Air Reserve District as Training Officer. After considerable corespondence i was able to get an assignment, homogeneous, with my background and training, as Director of Intelligence at 14th Air Force. In November 1954 I came up for overseas duty and was assigned to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa as Base Staff intelligence Officer. This included a Fighter Bomber Wing as well as the other intelligence activities associated with operation of an Air Force outpost. This proved one of the most interesting assignments I've had since it fell to our lot to cover the TACHEN ISLAND evacuation from Formosa.

I returned from Okinawa in July and was subsequently assigned to Hqs. 18th Air Force as Assistant Director of Intelligence which job I am presently filling. We have a 'Bull' Colonel as Director and I like my job but there isn't much security attached to the Air Force now.

I feel that my position is a little more precarious than some since I have indicated that I do not desire a regular commission. I'm not trying to fool anyone, much less myself, that I returned to active duty for anything other than the money. I believe the most satisfying job I ever had was when I was a P.I. on the river. I am convinced that at the convenience of the Air Force there will be a RIF which will include those of us who will need a couple of years for retirement. Past experience indicates that convenience of the Air Force may not coincide with convenience to me.

In Nov. 1957 I will have 18 Yrs federally recognized service which I would like to put to best use of all concerned and myself in particular. My military leave from I&NS expires, I believe (4 Yrs), 19 June 1957 and I would like to firm up my future before then if possible.

I feel that my training and background might qualify me for a slot in the intelligence activity of the Border Patrol. This is what I would like to discuss with you. If it is convenient and you will be in Washington during April I will drive up. Please let me know so I may schedule some leave.

My best regards to all and I'm looking forward to seeing you all once again

Sincerely

William H. Cartter
Major USAF

March 7, 1957

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Major William H. Cartter, USAF
Route 1
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Bill:

It was nice to hear from you again after such a long time. I won't waste any words, getting right down to business.

While you were gone, the INS was reorganized into four regions. The regional office for the states along the Mexican border, where you were stationed, is in San Pedro now, and all of the functions regarding reinstatement, etc., have been delegated to the regions. I suggest that you write to the Regional Commissioner, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California regarding reinstatement.

Without your file, which is in San Pedro, the Personnel people here are unable to give me exact answers, but I understand that your four-year military leave started on June 18, 1953 and that you were Immigrant Inspector GS-7 when you left. The positions of Immigrant Inspector have been reclassified to GS-8 (base pay \$4970) as has the position of Patrol Inspector. As I understand it, you would be eligible for reinstatement and some credit would be given toward Ramspeck raises, but since I do not know what your salary was when you left, I cannot even guess what your salary would be. If you want back in the Patrol, you should address your letter as I suggested, but make it to the attention of Mr. John P. Swanson, Regional Enforcement Officer. In other words, you are entitled to come back as Immigrant Inspector in Grade GS-7 for sure; whether you could come back as GS-8 is a question that the region can answer. Personally, I think the chances are good, but reinstatement as a Patrol Inspector would be for the region to decide.

The Border Patrol officers assigned to intelligence functions are usually Senior Patrol Inspectors or above. The promotional policy now requires approval by Officer Selection Boards for any officer to go beyond GS-8. If you were to be reinstated as a Patrol Inspector, your background in intelligence certainly would be considered in connection with assignments, but the assignments are also something that the region must determine.

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I am sorry, Bill, that I cannot give you more definite information. I suggest that you not waste any time in writing the region for more definite answers than I can give from here.

Give my best regards to Phil and remember me to the kids.

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P. K. Crosby

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