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To Commissioners of Immigration  
and District Directors:

Districts No. 1, 5, 10, 11, 17,  
18, 22, 25, 26, 31 and 35.

A misunderstanding appears to have arisen in the minds of some of the officers in charge of districts concerning the status of Senior Patrol Inspectors, which grade is provided for in General Order No. 51, and recommendations have been received in some instances for the appointment of immigrant inspectors to this grade.

The grade was provided for to place the responsibility in certain sections where only two patrol inspectors operate, and in others where groups of several officers operate in the same sector and contemplates confining appointments thereto to patrol inspectors. At places where two patrol officers operate independently and are not under the immediate direction of a Chief Patrol Inspector, because of the location of the latter, and in districts where several patrol inspectors operate in the same sector, recommendations should be submitted to provide for the appointment of the best qualified officer in the respective groups to act as Senior Patrol Inspector. It is not intended at a place like Detroit where a number of patrol inspectors operate practically under the immediate direction of the Chief Patrol Inspector to appoint a Senior Patrol Inspector for every group of two patrol inspectors, merely because they operate in groups of two, and District Officers in Charge will be expected to exercise discretion and temper their recommendations with conservatism when submitting nominations.

It should be understood that only immigrant inspectors, however, will be given appointments as Chief Patrol Inspectors.

Action will not be taken on recommendations already submitted, and District Officers in Charge will accordingly submit new nominations in duplicate, in accordance with the foregoing.

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