

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY 5 June, 1920.  
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of Labor.

Sir:

I have the honor to quote herebelow, in connection with the question of the applicability of the U. S. Immigration Laws to the Virgin Islands of the United States and the appointment of an Immigration Inspector for those Islands, a telegram received from the Governor of the Virgin Islands, as follows:

Original initiated by ✓  
W.S., G.W.C., P.H.L.  
McN.  
Signed by ✓  
Josephus Daniels, Sec.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
W. S. Benson,  
Act. Sec.  
R. Clark, J. A. G.  
B. Freyer, Asst.  
Acting J. A. G.  
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"Reference Governor's letter five January regarding appointment of Immigration Inspector at St. Thomas and Secnav's letter two eight seven five nine dash four three two Jan twenty-six Information requested as to whether U.S. Immigration laws apply Virgin Islands and if so when appointment of Immigration Inspector may be expected. This matter, initiated by Governor's letter five August nineteen nineteen and referred to by letters eleven October five January and nine February is considered urgent. It is requested that immediate action be taken and that Governor be advised. Signed J. W. Oman, Governor."

Relative to this subject I have to invite attention to my letter to you No. 28759-432:1, J.A.G. E-Mi, dated 27 February, 1920, copy enclosed herewith.

In as much as this matter seems to be as yet undetermined, I have further the honor to request that its consideration and conclusion be treated as urgent and that information of your decision in relation thereto be communicated to this Department at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully,