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Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Immigration Service,
U. S. Barge Office,
New York, N. Y.

The Bureau refers to your letter of June 12th, No. 12/976, and returns herewith triplicate of Form 430 and naturalization certificate in the matter of Dick Fung. The naturalization certificate presented by this man is genuine and, unless cancelled for cause, establishes that he is a citizen of the United States. The courts have not been uniform in their practice with respect to granting certificates of naturalization to Chinese who served in the United States military forces during the World War. Some courts have declined to naturalize such persons, while others have conferred citizenship upon them. The Bureau has consistently recognizes these certificates when presented by Chinese who served in the military forces, as evidence of citizenship, and you should proceed accordingly in the case of Dick Fung.

He, of course, is not to be commended for the methods resorted to in the attempt to establish United States citizenship, but in view of the fact that he has resided here since infancy and unquestionably served in the military forces during the World War, it is not deemed advisable to take steps looking to cancellation of the certificate.

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Assistant Commissioner General

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