

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Postmaster General Smith declares that all reports indicating that Post Office Inspectors or other officials have been detailed or authorized to open letters within the mails are untrue and misleading. The privacy of the mails will not be invaded during the war. All mail properly addressed, and upon which sufficient postage is paid, will be delivered to the addressee as expeditiously and scrupulously as it has ever been.

The Post Office Inspectors detailed for duty at Key West, Tampa, and the various military camps are simply performing duty in connection with the establishment and perfection of the Postal Service. All Post Office Inspectors so detailed are under the direction of the Chief Inspectors of the Post Office Department.