

special agent

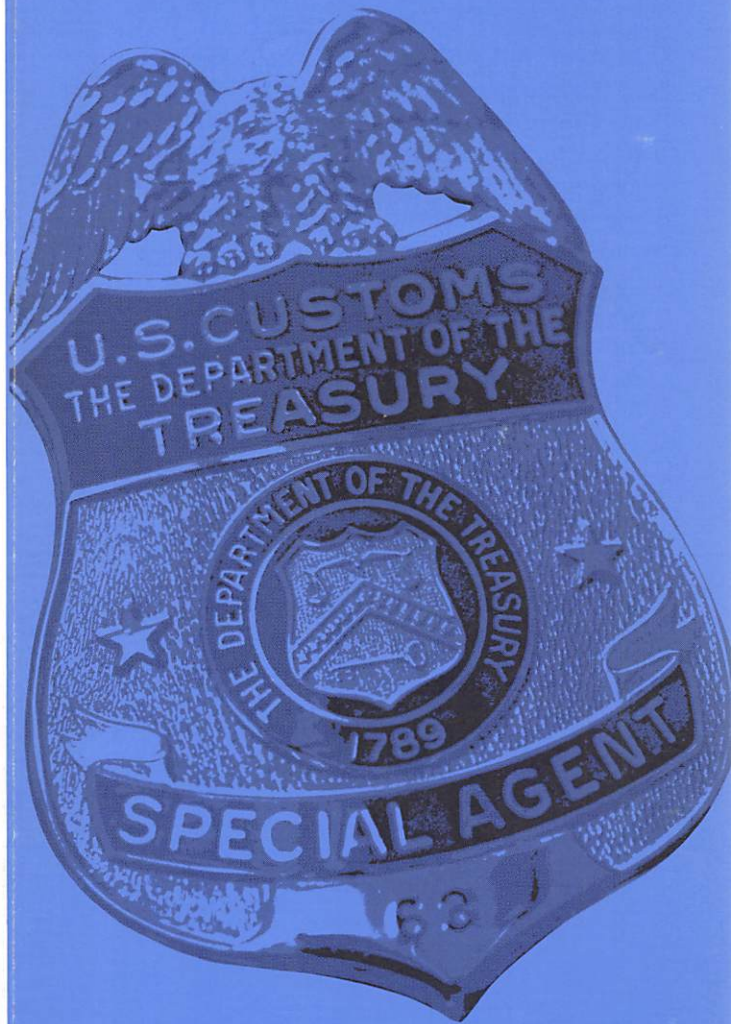
- Be in excellent physical condition with good muscular development. You need distant vision of at least 20/40 in one eye; 20/100 in the other without glasses, correctable to at least 20/20 in one eye and 20/30 in the other with glasses; good near vision, color, and depth perception. Persons with a hearing aid, noticeable deformities or disfiguring conditions should not apply.

Note: *One scholastic year of education above high school equals 9 months of work experience. A bachelor's degree is fully qualifying for appointment at the GS-5 level.*

To Apply

Take the appropriate civil service examination. Check the nearest Federal Job Information Center for the latest word on testing information.

All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.



Special Agents engage in a variety of investigations ranging from criminal fraud against the revenue, dumping and countervailing duty cases, to all manner of smuggling violations, neutrality and currency cases, and major cargo thefts.

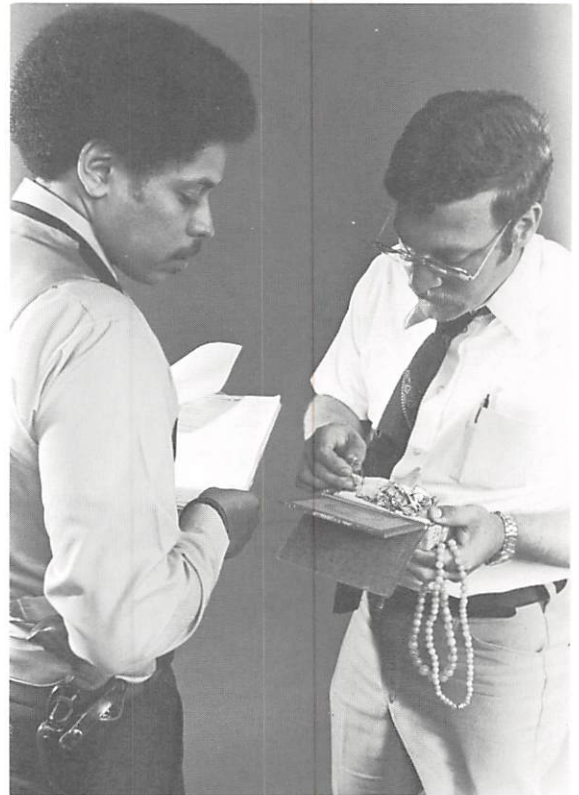
The organized crime syndicate with an international operation . . . the importer suspected of undervaluing his goods . . . the "absent minded" tourist stretching the truth of his baggage declaration . . . all challenge the ingenuity of Special Agents as they seek to protect the Government's revenue on incoming merchandise. They also investigate the illegal importation/exportation of a wide range of contraband material.

Special Agents receive extensive training in modern investigative and law enforcement techniques – the use of firearms, undercover operations, surveillance techniques, rules of evidence, courtroom demeanor, etc.

This highly trained investigative force of the Customs Service frustrates the efforts of devious professional and amateur smugglers alike. Aided by the use of TECS (Treasury Enforcement Communications System) and a complex radio communications network, which provides critical data on suspect activities, Special Agents follow the journey of contraband from its entry along our borders and coastlines. Special Agents are assigned to duty stations at most ports of entry throughout the United States and are frequently called upon to travel in the course of their surveillance work.

To Qualify You Must . . .

- Be a United States citizen and not have reached your 35th birthday.
- Successfully complete an oral interview and personal background investigation.
- Establish an eligible rating on the



Treasury Enforcement Agent Examination (TEA), a test to measure your investigative aptitude. Entrance level appointments from the TEA register are made at grades GS-5 and 7. Those applicants with sufficient specialized law enforcement experience or education should establish eligibility on the Mid-Level Register for appointment at grades GS-9, 11, and 12. Positions offer extensive opportunities for paid overtime and have excellent advancement potential, with slots at GS-13 and above available on a competitive basis to those who qualify.

- Have at least 1 year of progressively responsible experience which demonstrates skill in effectively dealing with people. Also needed is no less than 2 years of specialized criminal investigative or comparable experience which calls for tact, judgment and resourcefulness, plus the ability to analyze and evaluate evidence.