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Upon completion of those inspections, I proceeded to an inspection of all the inhabited islands and the small uninhabited islands close to them. Mr. Tinkham, superintendent of the Lighthouse Service in Honolulu, kindly placed the Lighthouse tender "Malua" at my disposal and accompanied me during the inspection, taking in the lighthouse organization in the various places. Beginning at Kauai in the north, we covered each island in succession. We took a pursuit airplane and a motor car to Kauai and a motor car to the other islands. Wherever roads did not exist, we rode horseback and made as thorough a survey of all the islands as the time permitted. The inspection of the islands was completed on December 5, 1925, and the time remaining until the departure of the transport for the Philippines was taken up in giving instructions to the air service, giving lectures and working with the staff of the

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