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TO : MR. HARBO *RH*

FROM : D. J. PARSONS *P*

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
ALLEGEDLY CITED BY MR. D. S. DESVERGERS,
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

DATE: August 29, 1952

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By letter of August 26, 1952, the Air Force requested that we examine the cap of Mr. Desvergers, a scoutmaster at West Palm Beach, Florida, who claims that he observed an unidentified flying object in a desolate area. He reported that upon his investigation, a ~~was~~ object 30 feet in diameter hovered over his head and shot a "red blob" which caused him to lose consciousness. The cap has some holes burned in it and it is reported that the hair on Desvergers' arms was singed. The Air Force requested that we determine, if possible, from any residues left the nature of the residual material.

The Air Force desires an oral report on this tonight. We have finished the examination and are preparing to advise the Air Force as follows:

1. There is no residue which would permit a determination as to the nature of the material which caused the burns in the cap. In addition to the obvious burns, there is one minute burned area which is probably too small to have been caused intentionally but more likely by a small hot ember.
2. The bill and a large part of the edges of the cap are singed but the singeing is not uniform as would be expected if it had been caused at one time by a single flash of flame. The front edge of the cap bill is more severely singed than other portions of the cap. This condition would not be expected if the source of the flame was directly overhead.
3. When the cap is observed from the front, the left edge of the insignia and the fold in the blue cloth, there is an absence of singeing noted under the fold suggesting the possibility that the cap was not being worn when the singeing took place. It is noted that this fold "smooths out" when the cap is placed on the head.

RECOMMENDATION: That in response to the request, of Colonel Free of the Air Force, it is recommended that he be orally advised of the above.

cc: Mr. Nichols

Being handled by Liaison (Arnold)
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