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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 8002



January 5, 1927.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Washington, D. C.

Referring to the Bureau's letter of July 22nd last, No. ~~56432/660~~ B, advising that the writer might submit samples of cloth for consideration in connection with the adoption of a summer uniform for 1928, there is enclosed sample of an all worsted gabardine known as No.857, supplied by H. W. & I. Schwap, Jobbers and Uniform Specialists of New York City. This material as closely approximates in color the Mountain Clay whipcord now used for winter uniforms as it has been possible for the writer to find. It runs about twelve or thirteen ounces, is closely woven, and should keep its shape and wear well if made up quarter or half lined. A local tailor quotes a price on this uniform made locally to measure \$1.50 cheaper than the whipcord winter uniform, from which it is assumed that the price generally of a summer uniform of this material, wherever and by whomever made, would be no greater than that of the winter uniform, if not a trifle cheaper.

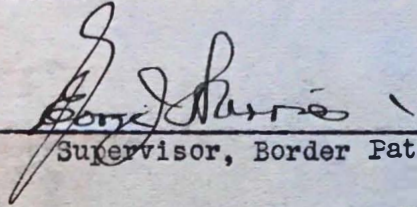
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Practically all patrol officers with whom the writer has had occasion to discuss the matter of uniforms are unanimous in stating that the cotton khaki is extremely unsatisfactory; that it does not wear well; does not clean well; and that it is absolutely impossible to secure a neat fitting garment made from such material; that the Sanvale heretofore used is sleazy and of extremely poor wearing quality. Practically all patrolmen express a preference for wool gabardine for the summer uniform and have indicated that they would willingly pay more for the same. The writer believes that material as per sample enclosed will come as near meeting all requirements as any which can be found, price considered, and unless the Bureau has something else in mind, would suggest that it be adopted as standard for summer uniforms. In the foregoing connection it is desired respectfully to invite the Bureau's attention to the fact that in certain sections of the southern border, notably the lower Rio Grande Valley and the Imperial Valley, summer will practically be upon us in about two months, and that many of the men, particularly in the lower Rio Grande Valley, are now anxious to place their orders for summer uniforms in order to insure delivery before the warm weather is at hand. Since in many instances it has taken from one to three months for manufacturers to deliver uniforms from date of order, may the writer not suggest that consideration of the summer uniform question be expedited as much as possible?

It is believed that dealers, manufacturers and the trade generally will have

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no difficulty in identifying the material adopted if the same is referred to by the trade number and name of jobber above mentioned.

  
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Supervisor, Border Patrol

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