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Office of Chief Patrol Inspector,  
Chula Vista, California.  
July 11, 1934.

District Director,  
U. S. Imm. & Nat. Service,  
Los Angeles, California.

With reference to your letter, No. 9237/500, of the 9th instant in regard to a proposed rough-duty uniform for the Border Patrol officers, you are respectfully advised that after conferring on the matter we are both of the opinion that the plan as outlined would not be practicable in your district for the reasons that patrol officers in this district rarely perform a complete tour of duty on one class of work. Many of their assignments call for several hours of line or trail watch, and the balance in patrolling highways, checking stages, trains, etc. and brings them in contact with the general public at which times it is highly desirable that they present the best possible appearance. Our officers while engaged in trail or line watch in most cases use a blanket or canvas to protect their uniforms from being soiled and this practice has been found to serve the purpose. Further, patrol officers in this district come in continuous contact not only with the general public but as well with other law enforcement agencies, Federal, State and Municipal, and it is believed that the adoption of a rough-duty uniform would result in creating an impression that our officers do not in appearance favorably compare with the other organizations mentioned.

Your file No. 9237/500 is returned herewith.

  
Joseph L. Van Orshoven,  
Chief Patrol Inspector.

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Herbert C. Gerrish,  
Chief Patrol Inspector.

