

SENSATIONAL CLAIM ON "FLYING SAUCER"

MAN SAYS HAIR WAS SINGED BY FIREBALL

WEST PALM BEACH (Florida) Sunday A.A.P.): The United States Air Force said last night it had received a report from the only man in the world to claim his hair had been singed by a flying saucer.

The man is Mr. S. J. D. Desvergers, a Scoutmaster.

Air Force Intelligence officers were giving the report "further study from a scientific viewpoint.

Mr. Desvergers, an ex-Marine, said he knew what the object which singed his hair was, but "it's better for me not to go any further for the public good, because it might cause panic."

Lights

He said he was riding in a car on Tuesday night with three Scouts on the edge of the Florida Everglades when

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He walked through the bush and saw an object "large enough for six or eight men to stand in."

"It was about 10 feet high in the centre, about 30 feet in diameter, and shaped like a half rubber ball tapering down to a three-foot thickness on the side. There was a phosphorous effect around the side," he said.

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"It was only 10 feet from the ground, and made a hissing sound like a tyre going down."

Mr. Desvergers said the object shot a ball of fire at him that seemed to "float slowly at my face."

He said the hair on his arm was singed and three holes

were burned in his Scout hat.

Blacked out

The Scoutmaster said he then blacked out, and when he awoke he had "no sense of feeling, and even now I have a tingling, such as when your foot loses circulation and goes to sleep."

Mr. Desvergers claimed that the people in the object "were as afraid of me as I was of them." That, he said, was why they fired a "ball of fire directly for my head."

He said that he and high-ranking officers from Washington whom he refused to identify, were substantially in agreement on what the object was.

"It is of vital importance,"
he said.

The West Palm Beach Weather Bureau said there had been rain during the day, and lightning was seen about two hours before the incident.