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Abstract

The hat is made of a black fabric with a small black leather bill. On the top of the hat is a structured circle, while the rest is unstructured. On both sides of the cap are two small black grommet holes. On the front of the hat above the bill there are two guns embroidered in gold thread with "V.P.I." above them. Below the embroidery, attached right above the bill are two gold cords, attached on either side of the cap with gold colored buttons. The buttons have the VPI seal along with "V.P.I." above it.

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Scope and Content

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