EXHIBIT 1

CE 601.1
Los Alamos, N. Mex.) SPELA

November 25, 1942

SUBJECT: Acquisition of land for Demolition Range, Los Alamos, New Mexico

The Commanding General, Services of Supply.

1. There is a military necessity for the acquisition of land indicated under subject above, and described more in detail in paragraph 2 below.

2. Description of land and other pertinent data are as follows:

a. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND: The area is located near Santa Fe and within Sandoval County, New Mexico, as shown in blue on the inclosed map.

b. PROPOSED USE: The land is required for the establishment of a demolition Range.

c. ACREAGE INVOLVED: approximately 54,000 acres. The entire area is owned by the United States Government except for certain small portions within the area outlined in red comprising approximately 8900 acres thereof.

d. IMPROVEMENTS: One established boys school containing expensively constructed improvements and personalty, altogether having a value of $246,600. It is the intention to acquire the equipment and all other personalty within the premises which can be of use for the intended project. Also certain forest grazing permits must be acquired.

e. ESTIMATED COST: $440,000.

f. METHOD OF ACQUISITION: The land owned by the United States Government will be acquired by transfer and the privately owned land in fee simple by purchase or condemnation.

3. The determination of military necessity is based upon the recommendation of the Deputy Chief, Construction Division, Office, Chief of Engineers, in memorandum, d ated November 24, a copy of which is inclosed.

4. Funds for this acquisition are available from appropriations for Engineer Service, Army.

5. It is recommended that the Under Secretary of War be informed that there is a military necessity for the acquisition of the above mentioned land, and that he be requested to authorize this office to acquire the necessary land for this project.

6. It is also recommended that all papers necessary for the above-mentioned acquisition be removed from secret status.

For the Chief of Engineers:

THOMAS M. ROBINS,
Major General
Assistant Chief of Engineers.

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1 Cpy Memo to R.E.B., 11-25-42
2 Map (Nov. 21, 1942).

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