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EXHIBIT 3

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1943

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War.

This will acknowledge your request of March 22 for the occupancy and use of approximately 45,100 acres of national forest lands within the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, for military purposes.

This letter will be your authority to occupy and use for so long as the military necessity continues the lands under the jurisdiction of this Department which are within the boundaries of the area as delineated on the Los Alamos project map accompanying your letter.

The authority contained herein is subject to any rights and privileges which may be outstanding within the described area and to a definition of the conditions of use by a memorandum of understanding to be prepared and executed by and between the local commanding officer of the Project and the Regional Forester at Albuquerque, New Mexico. In this manner the best interests of our respective Departments may be served by making provision for the prevention and suppression of fires, the management and protection of the area, and by outlining the areas within which other uses may be permitted and the restrictions to be placed on such uses. Relative to the last mentioned item, it is probable that procedures have already been set up locally as the result of correspondence between our Departments under dates of February 13 and March 9. Any agreements so reached will remain in effect unless it is found desirable by your respective field officers to modify and incorporate them in the memorandum of understanding to be developed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Claude R. Wickward

Secretary

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