EXHIBIT 2

CE 601.52 SPELD
Los Alamos, N. M.

22 March 1943

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Agriculture.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

There is a military necessity for the acquisition of approximately 54,000 acres of land for the establishment of a demolition range.

The required area is located near Santa Fe and within Sandoval County, New Mexico, as shown outlined on the inclosed map. Title to 8,900 acres of privately-owned land in the area will be acquired by condemnation or purchase. The remaining 45,100 acres of federally-owned lands are under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

It is requested that you grant the War Department permission to occupy and use all of the federally-owned lands within the above-described area for so long as the military necessity continues.

Your cooperation in making these lands available to the War Department will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

s/HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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