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The President

EXECUTIVE ORDER

JOINT MEXICAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE COMMISSION

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and as President of the United States, and acting jointly and in full accord with His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Mexico, I hereby authorize, on the part of the Government of the United States, the creation of a joint commission to be known as the Joint Mexican-United States Defense Commission.

The purposes of the Commission shall be to study problems relating to the common defence of the United States and Mexico, to consider broad plans for the defense of Mexico and adjacent areas of the United States, and to propose to the respective governments the cooperative measures which, in its opinion, should be adopted.

As United States members of the Commission I hereby appoint the following:

Lieutenant General Stanley D. Embick,
United States Army, Retired, Chairman.

Vice Admiral Alfred W. Johnson,
United States Navy, Retired.

The Commission will convene initially at a time and place agreeable to both governments, and may thereafter proceed at any time with its professional and clerical assistants to such place or places in Mexico, with the approval of the Government of Mexico, or in the United States as it may consider desirable or necessary to visit for the accomplishment of its purposes.

The United States members of the Commission, in agreement with their Mexican colleagues, may prescribe their own procedure. They are also empowered to employ such professional and clerical assistants as may be deemed necessary, and to incur such expenses for travel, services, supplies, and other purposes as may be required for the accomplishment of their mission.

Each of the United States members of the Commission and each of their professional assistants, including civilian advisers and any United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps officers so employed, detailed, or assigned, shall receive, in lieu of subsistence while outside of the continental limits of the United States in connection with the business of the Commission, a per diem allowance of ten dollars.

All expenses incurred by the United States Section of the Commission shall be paid by Army disbursing officers from allocations to be made to the War Department for that purpose from the Emergency Fund for the President.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE ARMY SPECIALIST CORPS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 1753 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 631), by the Civil Service Act (22 Stat. 403), as amended, and as President of the United States, and for the purpose of obtaining the temporary services of certain qualified civilian employees for the War Department, it is ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established in the War Department, under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of War, a corps of uniformed civilian employees to be known as the Army Specialist Corps, hereinafter referred to as the Corps. The Corps shall consist of such number of qualified persons, whether or not theretofore upon any civil-service register, as may be appointed to positions therein from time to time by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, that no position shall be included in the Corps which ranks below Grade P&S-2 or Grade CAF-7 established by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, except by agreement between

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the War Department and the United States Civil Service Commission.

2. The appointment, assignment, supervision, promotion, regulation, and discharge of members of the Corps shall be in accordance with regulations to be prescribed from time to time by the Secretary of War.

3. The pay rates of persons appointed to positions in the Corps shall be fixed under the pay scales set forth in section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and in accordance with the provisions of other existing law.

4. Payment of expenses authorized by an act entitled, "An act to provide for uniformity of allowances for the transportation of household goods of civilian officers and employees when transferred from one official station to another for permanent duty", approved October 10, 1940 (54 Stat. 1105), shall be allowed and paid for persons appointed or employed under the provisions of this order when such payment is specifically authorized or approved by such administrative official of the War Department as the Secretary of War may designate to perform such function in his stead and behalf.

5. The responsibility of recruiting persons for the Corps is hereby vested in the Civil Service Commission, which is authorized to exercise such function in conformity with the provisions of this Order without regard to the Civil Service Act and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder. Persons appointed to positions in the Corps shall not thereby acquire a classified civil-service status.

6. Any person occupying a position, other than a temporary position, in the government of the United States, its territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia, may, with the consent of the head of the department or establishment in which he is employed, be transferred or appointed to a position in the Corps, and shall during the period of employment therein be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay from such position, but shall, upon application within forty days after termination of employment in the Corps, be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and

pay without loss of seniority, retirement benefits, or other benefits.

This order shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination thereof.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

MAKING CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS AVAILABLE FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF INSANE PERSONS

WHEREAS, on account of the increase in the armed forces of the United States, the number of insane persons now admitted and entitled to admission to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at Washington, D. C., is greater than that hospital can accommodate properly; and

WHEREAS the United States Public Health Service Hospitals at Lexington, Kentucky, and Fort Worth, Texas, have adequate facilities and personnel for the care and treatment of insane persons without impairing the efficiency of the service for the purposes for which such hospitals were created and are maintained; and

WHEREAS the use of such hospitals for the care and treatment of insane persons will promote the public interest and aid in the successful prosecution of the war:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 4 of the act of July 1, 1902, 32 Stat. 713, as modified by section 1 of the act of August 14, 1912, 37 Stat. 309 (U.S.C., title 42, sec. 8), and by Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941, approved December 18, 1941 (Public Law 354, 77th Congress), it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Federal Security Administrator is authorized to admit, to the extent that he may deem desirable, insane persons (except those from the District of Columbia) to the Public Health Service Hospitals at Lexington, Kentucky, and Fort Worth, Texas, for care and treatment upon the same terms and conditions as such persons may be entitled to admission to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at Washington, D. C.

2. The Federal Security Administrator is authorized to transfer, to the extent that he may deem desirable, insane persons (except those from the District of Columbia) from St. Elizabeth's Hospital to the said Public Health Service Hospitals for care and treatment.

3. The agency of the Government responsible for the care and treatment of any insane person admitted or transferred to either of the said Public Health Service Hospitals under authority of this order shall pay the Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the care and treatment of such person in the same manner and amount as it would be required to pay if the patient were in St. Elizabeth's Hospital. All sums so paid

shall be deposited in the United States Treasury to the credit of the appropriation made for the care and maintenance of patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

4. To the extent deemed necessary and proper by the Federal Security Administrator, and under his direction, the appropriation for the operation and maintenance of said Public Health Service Hospitals shall be reimbursed from time to time from the appropriation for the care and maintenance of patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

5. This order shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination thereof.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WITHDRAWING PUBLIC LANDS FOR USE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR AVIATION PURPOSES

ARIZONA

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is ordered that, subject to valid existing rights, the following-described public lands be, and they are hereby, withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public-land laws, including the mining laws, and reserved for the use of the War Department for aviation purposes:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 15 E., secs. 18, 19, and 30;
containing 2,062.72 acres.

This order shall take precedence over, but shall not rescind or revoke, Executive Order No. 6910 of November 26, 1934, as amended, so far as such order affects any of the above-described lands.

It is intended that the lands described herein shall be returned to the administration of the Department of the Interior when they are no longer needed for the purpose for which they are reserved.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941, approved December 18, 1941 (Public Law 354, 77th Congress), and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Army of the United States is reorganized to provide under the Chief of Staff a ground force, under a Commanding General, Army Ground Forces; an air force, under a Commanding General, Army Air Forces; and a service of supply command, under a Commanding General, Services of Supply; and such overseas departments, task forces, base commands, defense commands, commands in theaters of operations, and other commands as the Secretary of War may find to be necessary for the national security.

2. The functions, duties, and powers of the chiefs of the following-named branches of the Army of the United States are transferred to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces: Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, and Coast Artillery Corps (except those relating to procurement, storage, and issue).

3. The functions, duties, and powers of the Commanding General, General Headquarters Air Force (Air Force Combat Command) and of the Chief of the Air Corps are transferred to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

4. The functions, duties, and powers of the Chief of Coast Artillery relating to procurement, storage, and issue are transferred to the Commanding General, Services of Supply.

5. Any officers holding offices the functions, duties, and powers of which are transferred by this order shall be reassigned to suitable duties but shall continue to hold their respective offices until vacated.

6. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to prescribe such functions, duties, and powers of the commanders of the various forces and commands of the Army of the United States and the agencies of the War Department and to issue from time to time such detailed instructions regarding personnel, funds, records, property, routing of correspondence, and other matters as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this order. Such duties by the Secretary of War are to be performed subject always to the exercise by the President directly through the Chief of Staff of his functions as Commander-in-Chief in relation to strategy, tactics, and operations.

7. This order shall become effective on March 9, 1942, and shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination thereof.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

REDISTRIBUTION OF MARITIME FUNCTIONS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941, approved December 18, 1941, and in order to expedite the prosecution