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February 22, 1943.

SUBJECT: Organization and Assignment of Military Organizations, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

TO: The Commanding General, Services of Supply.

1. The extremely critical and secret nature of the operations to be carried on at Los Alamos to be activated on April 1, 1943 requires that it be protected and guarded by a special military organization fully subject to military control and suitable for periodic transfer outside the continental limits of the United States and for control of their activities after being so transferred. The unit should not be sent to a theater where members would be subject to capture or interrogation by the Germans.

2. It is requested that a special Military Police Company (reinforced) be organized and assigned to Los Alamos; that the Provost Marshall General, the Surgeon General and the Chief of Engineers be directed to participate in the organization, initial training, and equipping of the organization; that allotments of Medical, Military Police and Engineer troops and equipment be established for this project; that the withdrawal of trained personnel from existing tactical units be authorized to make up the initial complement; that only personnel be assigned who are of unquestioned loyalty and are suitable for overseas duty exclusive of the European and African Theaters.

3. The training of personnel should be similar to that normally given guard units. It would be advantageous if a large portion of the personnel were accustomed to horses.

4. The organization should be of the following magnitude:

Military Police	190 Officers and men (including company headquarters)
Medical and Veterinary	9 Officers and men
Engineer	45 Officers and men
Total	244 Officers and men

The details of the organization and equipment will be developed with the Provost Marshall General, the Surgeon General and the Chief of Engineers as soon as the organization is authorized.

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5. The Units, trained and equipped, should arrive at Santa Fe, New Mexico between April 1 and April 10, 1943.

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