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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY:

1. The Secretary of the Air Force, in company with Major General Hughes, visited the White Sands, Alamogordo area recently. During their conference at White Sands, at which personnel of both bases were present, it was agreed that there is a need for certain decisions to be made locally. It was further agreed that the senior officer is the proper person to render these decisions. Therefore, it is agreeable to the Air Force for the senior Army Ordnance officer permanently assigned to White Sands Proving Ground to have the power of decision on any matters upon which the joint committee for range coordination from the Ordnance Department, Navy Department and Department of the Air Force cannot agree.

2. This agreement concerns only decisions on joint range problems and does not extend into command and administration matters at Alamogordo Air Base.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

s/A HOYT S. VANDENBERG  
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