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EXHIBIT 3-A

Aug 8, 1944

Honorable John J. Dempsey,
Governor of New Mexico,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Governor Dempsey:

The laws of the State of New Mexico (sections 8-202, 8-203, 8-204, and 8-207, article 2, chapter 8, New Mexico Statutes, 1941, Annotated) permit the assumption of exclusive Federal jurisdiction over lands within that State acquired or reserved by the United States for military and certain other purposes.

Under section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of February 1, 1940 (54 Stat. 19), and by the act of October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1083; 40 U. S. C. 255), it is provided in effect that unless and until the United States has accepted jurisdiction over lands acquired or in which any interest shall have been acquired after February 1, 1940, it shall be conclusively presumed that no such jurisdiction has been accepted.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the United States accepts exclusive jurisdiction over all lands acquired by it for military purposes within the State of New Mexico, title to which has heretofore vested in the United States, and over which exclusive jurisdiction has not heretofore been obtained. Exclusive jurisdiction is also accepted over all lands reserved from the public domain for military purposes, over which such jurisdiction has not heretofore been obtained.

Return of the duplicate copy of this letter, with your indorsement thereon designating time of receipt of this acceptance by your office, would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

The original of this letter of acceptance was received in the Office of the Governor on the 1st day of Sept. 1944.

/s/ John J. Dempsey
Governor of the State of New Mexico

A TRUE COPY:

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