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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,
February 27, 1942.

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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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