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7. APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY PERMISSION TO USE THE STATE LANDS OF RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES FOR MILITARY FIELD EXERCISE; U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - W.O. 5003, P.R.C. 3105.9.

After consideration of Calendar Item 15 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO THE U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CONDUCT FIELD EXERCISES ON AND OVER THE STATE LANDS OF RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 15, 1964, TO JUNE 15, 1964. THE CONSIDERATION IS TO BE THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

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An application has been received from the U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles, on behalf of the Department of Defense, for approval of a permit to conduct a military field-exercise known as operation "DESERT STRIKE", a joint maneuver composed of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force troops. The exercise will involve State of California lands in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for the period from April 15, 1964, to June 15, 1964 (see Exhibit "A"), with the actual field maneuvers confined to an estimated 14 days of the permit period.

Although armored vehicles, aircraft, and supporting equipment will be in the field, no live ammunition will be used, thereby eliminating the problem of decontamination. In addition, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles, has undertaken the notification of State lessees in the permit area, such as public utility companies and cattle-grazing operators. Guards will be posted at fences and gates to protect livestock, and, upon completion of the exercise, troops will remove any debris from the area, fill holes, and repair any damages that might result from the exercise. The United States Government has indicated its responsibility by the following clause contained in its permit: "The United States shall be responsible for damages to real or personal property arising from the activities of the United States, its officers, agents, employees, or representatives on said land, in the exercise of rights under this permit either by repairing such damage or by making a cash settlement with the undersigned (the State) in lieu thereof."

Although the proposed permit will cover the counties aforementioned, less than 10 percent of the actual area will be in use, and the nature of the exercise is such that it will be largely confined to the desolate waste areas of mountains and desert, entirely avoiding populated areas except for necessary maintenance, neutral forces, and supply-support elements.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO THE U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CONDUCT FIELD EXERCISES ON AND OVER THE STATE LANDS OF RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 15, 1964, TO JUNE 15, 1964. THE CONSIDERATION IS TO BE THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

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