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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture for the Conservation of Forests, Vegetative Cover, Soil, and Water on Lands Administered by the Department of Defense ---

WHEREAS, The Department of Agriculture, functioning through the Forest Service, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Agricultural Research Service, has nation-wide responsibilities in relation to the development, protection, and conservation of forest and other vegetative cover resources, for soil and water conservation, and for research relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense has jurisdiction over military installations and facilities, and therefore has been entrusted with the responsibility to restore, conserve, and improve the natural resources thereon in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, The Department of the Army within the Department of Defense has responsibility for reservoir projects for flood control, navigation, hydroelectric power, and for other related purposes and, by the Act of September 6, 1960 (74 Stat. 817), has been charged with the responsibility for the development and protection of forest and other vegetative cover and to establish and maintain other conservation measures on lands related thereto in coordination with the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The conservation of forests, vegetative cover, soil, water, and related natural resources is recognized as vital to meet the needs of our future generations and to the safety and welfare of the Nation, and to that end there have been established within the Department of Defense active, progressive conservation programs for application to lands under the administration of that Department.

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In all appropriate instances in the development and furtherance of conservation programs of mutual interest, officials of the Services in the Department of Agriculture shall undertake appropriate research, furnish assistance and advice to, seek assistance from, and execute cooperative agreements with appropriate officials in charge of military installations, facilities, and reservoir projects, and other responsible Department of Defense officials.

/s/ ORVILLE L. FREEMAN
Secretary of Agriculture

/s/ ROBERT S. McNAMARA
Secretary of Defense

March 27, 1963

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Now, therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

Toward the development of programs for such purposes, the parties to this agreement mutually recognize the benefits which can be derived from the technical advice and assistance which can be made available to the Department of Defense by the Services in the Department of Agriculture, and which can be derived from knowledge developed through the research undertakings of the Services in the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture is hereby recognized as an appropriate Federal authority for the development of research in these fields and for furnishing technical advice and assistance to the Department of Defense for the development, protection, and conservation of forest and other vegetative cover resources and for soil and water conservation programs on lands for which the Department of Defense is responsible.

The parties to this agreement also recognize the benefits which can be made available to the Department of Agriculture by the Department of Defense.

To promote effective planning and application of such programs on such lands, the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture will exchange information leading to the improvement of techniques, methods, practices and procedures in such conservation activities.

In accordance with Department of Defense procedures, appropriate officials in charge of military installations, facilities, and reservoir projects, and other responsible Department of Defense officials shall, as appropriate, seek technical assistance from, render assistance to, and execute cooperative agreements with, the Services of the Department of Agriculture and will endeavor in every possible instance to cooperate in the development and furtherance of conservation programs of mutual interest.

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