

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES—DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DE-
PARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISCAL YEAR, 1943, AMOUNTING
TO \$437,415.43

JULY 9, 1942.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered
to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 8, 1942.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1943, amounting to \$437,415.43.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D. C., July 8, 1942.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration supplemental estimates of appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1943, amounting to \$437,415.43, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries, Office of Secretary of the Interior: For an additional amount
for salaries, Office of the Secretary, fiscal year 1943 (Public Law 645,
77th Congress) ----- \$25,000

For the fiscal year 1942 there was available \$95,570 for personal services in the Division of Information. The 1943 Interior Department Appropriation Act provides only \$50,000 for this purpose. This appropriation is insufficient to cover the salaries of the necessary personnel employed in the Division, which consists of a small information unit, and photographic, radio, and publications sections. The latter section is a service organization for the entire Department which, during the fiscal year 1942, employed personnel with salaries aggregating \$15,740. A review of the minimum requirements of this Division indicates that the Department will be unable to handle the various functions considered essential to its operation unless the additional \$25,000 recommended is provided.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Payment to Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, New Mexico:

For payment to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, New Mexico, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of February 10, 1942 (Public Law 447, 77th Congress), fiscal year 1943, \$22,415.43, to be reimbursed to the United States in accordance with existing law..... \$22, 415. 43

The purpose of the foregoing estimate is to provide funds for the payment to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, New Mexico, in accordance with the act of February 10, 1942 (Public Law 447), of the cost of irrigation and drainage works assessed against 482.23 acres of land acquired by the United States for the Indians of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, and Santa Ana pueblos.

BUREAU OF MINES

Reduction of zinc concentrates with methane gas (national defense):

For all necessary expenses, without regard to Section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, for pilot tests on the reduction of zinc concentrates to metal with natural gas, including laboratory research, maintenance and operation of pilot plant; procurement of necessary material and ores; purchase or lease of land or buildings; construction and equipment of buildings to house pilot plant including engagement by contract or otherwise, at such rates of compensation as the Secretary of the Interior may determine, of engineers, architects or firms or corporations thereof necessary therefor; supplies and equipment; traveling expenses; not to exceed \$10,000 for personal services in the District of Columbia; not to exceed \$500 for printing and binding; purchase (not to exceed \$1,850) including exchange, operation, maintenance, and repair of passenger-carrying automobiles; special wearing apparel and equipment for the protection of employees while employed; and the purchase in the District of Columbia and elsewhere of other items otherwise properly chargeable to the appropriation, "Contingent Expenses, Department of the Interior"; fiscal year 1943, \$350,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept lands, buildings, equipment, and other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes hereof, and to carry out projects in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State, or private..... \$350, 000

This item is for the purpose of constructing and building a pilot plant of sufficient capacity to demonstrate the adaptability, on a commercial basis, of a process for producing zinc with natural gas which has been developed by the Bureau of Mines on a laboratory basis. If these pilot plant tests demonstrate that the process possesses advantages over present practice, it will be possible to increase

the domestic zinc smelter production capacity with the use of a minimum amount of strategic materials, such as coke and electric power, which are needed in other war industries.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Salaries and expenses, National Capital parks: For an additional amount, fiscal year 1943, including the objects specified under this head in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1943 (Public Law 645, 77th Cong.) ----- \$40, 000

The purpose of this item is to provide additional police officers for the National Capital parks, together with necessary uniforms and equipment, to meet requirements incident to the concentration of war-time construction in the Mall, Potomac Park, and that part of the park system located within and adjacent to Arlington County, Va.

The foregoing estimates of appropriations are required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1943, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

WAYNE COY,
Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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