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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Appointment in the Medical Corps -  
Dr. Stafford L. Warren.

TO: The Surgeon General, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Lt. Col. D.G. Hall, M.C., Chief, Procurement Branch.

1. Dr. Stafford L. Warren has been selected as Chief of the Medical Section, Manhattan District, because of his extensive background in medical research and his varied experience which permits thorough analyses and review of any data and information required to accomplish the mission assigned to this District. His ability to develop a similar program has previously been reflected in the research conducted under his direction at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. His research has been unique in that his studies in previous years qualify him for many of the problems which at present confront the Manhattan District. A careful search has been conducted among the American physicians who would be expected to have the necessary qualifications required as Chief of the Medical Section, Manhattan District. Of the many physicians whose professional attainments were reviewed, it was determined that Dr. Warren, together with only one other, was properly qualified. It is now considered imperative to commission Dr. Warren. The services of the other physician are being retained in a special capacity on a civilian basis.

2. The commissioning of Dr. Warren in the grade of Colonel, Medical Corps, is fully warranted by his professional background, organizational ability, and personal qualifications. The singular medical problems of the Manhattan District, which are of a classified nature, demand that the services of an outstanding scientist and physician be available to the District Engineer in an advisory capacity. It will be necessary for him to coordinate the work of, and associate with, scientists of rare attainments and world renown. It is believed that he is the best qualified physician available for the position, and his appointment in the grade of Colonel will provide him with official recognition commensurate with the responsibilities and duties which must be discharged by the Chief of the Medical Section of the Manhattan Engineer District. His professional attainments are as follows:

*Respectfully,  
D. G. Hall*

a Dr. Warren has received his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1922, and has been steadily engaged in medical practice and research for the past twenty-one years.

b He has been engaged in post-graduate work at the University of California, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, and has received a post-graduate degree of M.S.

c He has conducted large research programs with as many as 100 specialists and physicians under his immediate control.

d He is a recognized specialist, having attained a full professorship at the University of Rochester, and is Radiologist-in-Chief to the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York.

e He has a long bibliography of various related medical subjects.

3. It is recommended that Dr. Stafford L. Warren be appointed in the Medical Corps in the grade of Colonel, and assigned to the Manhattan District, Corps of Engineers, with station at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

For the District Engineer:

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