

28 April 1947

Dear Mr. Harless:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the decision to declare Fort Huachuca, Arizona, as surplus to the needs of the War Department.

While I can fully appreciate your concern over the abandonment of this installation, let me assure you that our decision was reached only after a detailed study of military installations and requirements had indicated conclusively that many long-established posts, camps and stations must necessarily be discontinued. In the interests of economy and effective utilization of manpower, it was determined that wherever possible only those capable of accommodating a division would be retained. Geographical locations and projected future requirements were also carefully considered in making this analysis.

Knowing of the splendid cooperation we have always received from the State of Arizona, I am very sorry that Fort Huachuca is one of the posts which must be abandoned by the Army. However, I do appreciate your courtesy in bringing the matter to my attention and giving me this opportunity to explain the War Department viewpoint to you.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Richard Harless  
House of Representatives

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