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TO: Director of S. S. & P.

- To:
- Under Sec. of War
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 - Staff Chief of War (Air)
 - Army Air Force
 - Chief of Information
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 - Personnel Director of
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- For:
- Necessary action
 - Direct reply
 - Preparation of reply for signature of Sec. of War
 - Preparation of reply for signature of Administrative Assistant
 - Memo. for Sec. of War or Administrative Assistant
 - Remarks and recommendation
 - Note and return
 - File
 - Mark Personal Attention of Administrative Assistant
 - Remarks

SUBJECT: Desire of Arizona Game & Fish Commisss to purchase cert. land located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

- FOR:
- 1 Information
 - 2 Necessary action
 - 3 Necessary action and direct reply
 - 4 Necessary action and prep. of reply for signature of the
 - 5 Remark and recommendation
 - 6 Comment and/or concurrence
 - 7 Notation and return
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By direction of The ASSISTANT SECRETARY of the Army:

J. C. [Signature]
Maj. Gen. [Signature]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ARIZONA GAME & FISH
COMMISSION
ARIZONA STATE BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

January 9, 1948

The Honorable J. A. Krug
Secretary, Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Krug:

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission, Phoenix, Arizona, hereby makes a formal application to purchase at fair market value, approximately twenty-four thousand (24,000) acres of range land, located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, more thoroughly described on the attached map.

The Commission is empowered by law to acquire lands for the preservation and study of wildlife, and it is the ultimate objective of the Commission to devote the area to this end.

The area is peculiarly adapted to such purposes inasmuch as it offers the following advantages:

1. Relatively high productivity.
2. Varied life zones from 4000 to 8500 feet elevation.
3. Environmental conditions suited to many kinds of birds and animals.
4. Organic natural resources probably as little used or abused by man as any to be found within the state.
5. The most southerly possible and wildlife range of its type in the United States.

In view of the above qualifications for the purposes intended, its acquisition for such use, would greatly augment the Commission's program of the study of wildlife.

In line with the War Department's policy of preparedness in the event of a national emergency, this land would be readily available for conversion to its former war-time use.

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Development and uses of the site, if acquired by the Commission would include:

1. Scientific investigation of wildlife species.
2. Restoration of historically present birds or animals if no longer there.
3. Development of optimum game populations.
4. Cropping of animal surplus by public hunting.
5. Vegetative and range management studies.
6. Establishment of a herd of buffalo on the lower grass range.
7. Possible establishment of game and/or fish hatchery to serve southern Arizona.
8. Designation of adequate public recreational grounds within the area.

Ornithologists and mammalogists have long been interested in this range land, because of its many and varied game and non-game species, many of which have rarely been seen elsewhere in the United States.

The area would, of course, be open to all federal, state and private agencies for scientific investigation and any other purposes not in conflict with the state's management of the wildlife thereon.

The Commission feels that its proposed use is of greater importance than any other suggested plan for utilization.

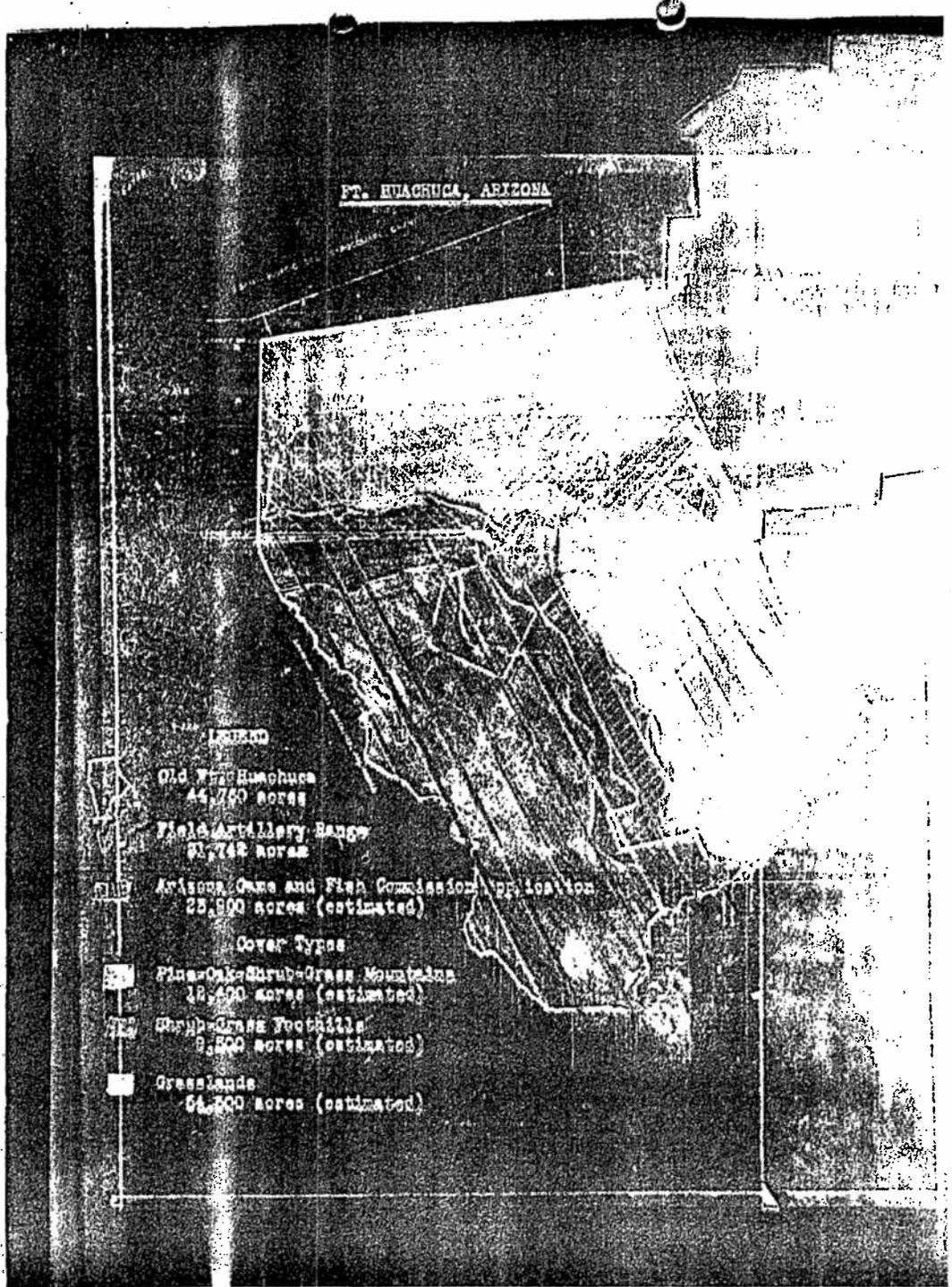
The Commission is also desirous of purchasing any remaining land, not awarded to any other state agency.

Your consideration of your application to purchase this land at fair market value will be greatly appreciated by this Commission, and the citizens of the State of Arizona.

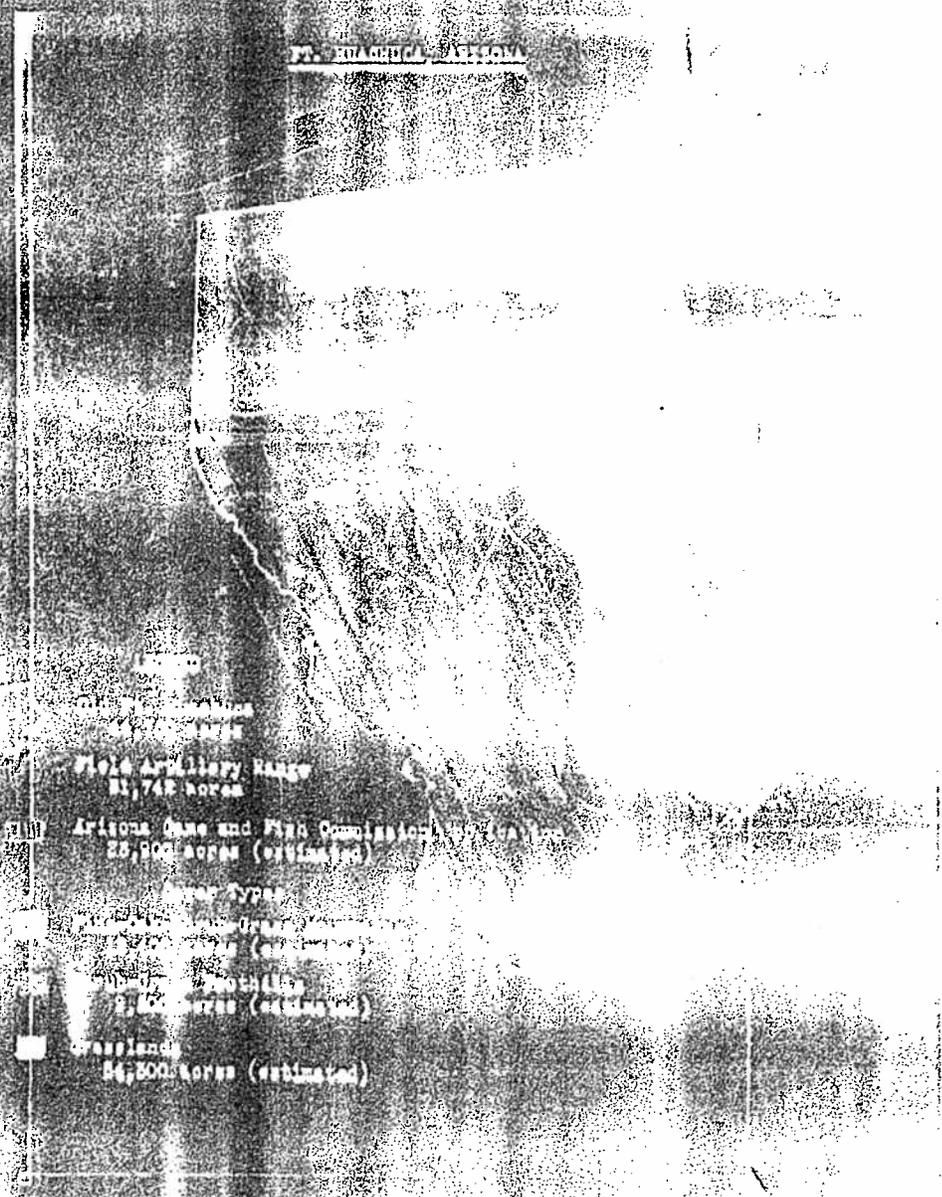
Very truly yours,

/s/ H. L. Reid

H.L. REID
State Game and Fish Director



FR. PUMPHREY, ARIZONA



Field Artillery Range
81,742 acres

Arizona Game and Fish Commission
28,800 acres (estimated)

Cotton Type
2,800 acres (estimated)

Grassland
84,800 acres (estimated)

FT. HUACHUCA, ARIZONA

LEGEND

-  Old Ft. Huachuca
44,700 acres
-  Field Artillery Range
31,742 acres
-  Arizona Game and Fish Commission Reservation
25,800 acres (estimated)
- Cover Types
-  Pine-Oak-Shrub-Grass Mountains
18,400 acres (estimated)
-  Shrub-Grass Foothills
9,800 acres (estimated)
-  Grasslands
64,500 acres (estimated)