



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

On May 5, you and I discussed the Army's proposed transfer of 59 civilian and 61 military spaces from Fort Huachuca to Fort Monmouth.

After re-examining this plan, I find myself convinced that it is appropriate and efficient to consolidate our electronics research and development activities within the Fort Monmouth laboratories, as proposed, and to focus our effort at Fort Huachuca on troop testing and field evaluation of electronics equipment. The climate and isolation of Fort Huachuca provide an environment that is best suited to the work of the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Ground; and long range Army plans call for augmentation of Fort Huachuca's capabilities through substantial military construction throughout the next five years, as the Inclosure will demonstrate. (The long range program indicated in the Inclosure is, as I am sure you will understand, subject to changes imposed by over-all needs, priorities, and allocation of funds and hence is not firm. Because it is an extract from our five-year plan, it is classified CONFIDENTIAL.)

As I indicated in our conversation, the Army has no current plans for significant personnel moves from Fort Huachuca other than those movements we have discussed.

I believe that the impact on the economy of the State of Arizona of the planned transfer of spaces will not be large: the total dollar value of contracts let within Arizona by the Fort Huachuca electronic research and development activity was only \$285,000 during the last three years, and there is no reason to expect that total dollar amount of Arizona contracts will, in fact, be reduced by the transfer.

I realize that there are a number of civilians - about 18 - who, for health or financial reasons, do not wish to leave the Fort Huachuca

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area when their positions are transferred to Fort Monmouth. I assure you that we will make every effort to find positions for these people with the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Ground. The fact that 14 spaces are being made available for augmentation of the range instrumentation design capability at Fort Huachuca will be a mitigating factor, as will the cushion provided by 63 existing vacancies.

Sincerely,



Stephen Ailes
Secretary of the Army

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as

Honorable Carl Hayden
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PLANNED
FOR
FORT HUACHUCA

(Subject to Overall Needs, Priorities and Allocation of Funds)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
U. S. Army Hospital	FY 65	4,605,000
Power Lines to Laundry Ridge	FY 65	30,000
Bachelor Officers Quarters	FY 66	320,000
	FY 67	315,000
Telephone Exchange	FY 68	139,000
Medical Barracks	FY 69	341,000
Water Supply Development	FY 69	1,197,000
Extend Arizona Street	FY 69	37,000
Commissary	FY 69	696,000
Barracks Complexes	FY 69	3,008,000
	FY 70	6,500,000
Extend Cushing Street	FY 70	71,000

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