

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

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Honorable Barry Goldwater

United States Senate

Dear Senator Goldwater:

The Secretary of the Army has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter wherein you expressed desire to obtain information concerning the future status of Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The Department of the Army has for a considerable length of time been studying the utilization of all of its installations to determine those facilities that will be retained on a permanent and active basis. Superimposed on this study has been the recent directive to reevaluate the requirements of the services from a budgetary standpoint. Accordingly, it has been necessary to again survey facilities to effect better utilization of the installations and to insure the most effective economy of operation.

In addition to the foregoing, and since the Army has now reached its authorized strength of approximately 1,600,000, training requirements have depreciated to a great extent. As a result, it is anticipated that certain training facilities may be consolidated to effect greater utilization of our posts, camps and stations.

Until the various studies are completed, it is not possible to furnish you with a positive position in regard to Fort Huachuca. You may be assured, however, that immediately upon final decision in connection with the utilization of this installation, Mr. Stevens will promptly advise you.

Sincerely yours,

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