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FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA

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Honorable Carl Hayden
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Hayden:

Mr. Folsom Moore visited me recently to discuss the subject of Fiscal Year 1958 funds for military construction at Fort Huachuca. I heartily agree with your proposal that no issue be made on the matter of approximately $6,000,000 Fiscal Year 1958 funds for the last wing of the Signal Corps Laboratory at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. It is certain that if we did get the $5,000,000 or $6,000,000 for the second and final increment of our technical building in Fiscal Year 1958, we would not be able to spend that money before the following year. Mr. Moore tells me that you wish a list of high priority items for consideration in the Fiscal Year 1958 program for Fort Huachuca, in lieu of the final increment of the technical building. The following is the list arranged in proper order of priority:

a.	Bn Hq Building	$ 43,000.00
b.	Recreational Facilities (Bks Area)	48,000.00
c.	Motor Park Facilities	24,000.00
d.	Three (3) Motor Repair Shops	265,000.00
e.	Two (2) Classroom Buildings	107,000.00
f.	Roads and Utilities	493,000.00
g.	Hard Stand (Motor Park)	127,000.00
h.	Two (2) EM Bks w/o Mess	1,329,000.00
i.	EM Mess (Four company)	339,000.00
j.	Administration and Supply Bldg.	190,000.00
k.	BOQ - 60 man	310,000.00
l.	Commissary	300,000.00
m.	Test Facilities Building	300,000.00

n.	Two (2) Warehouses	$ 369,000.00
o.	Post Exchange and Cafeteria	490,000.00
p.	Two (2) Civilian Dormitories	610,000.00
	TOTAL	$5,344,000.00

The question may arise as to why we have failed to indicate in the above list the cafeteria and the auditorium for the Technical Building. The reason we are not getting the cafeteria or the auditorium is because of Congressional limitation on the total number of square feet authorized in any building under construction during any one fiscal year. Another stumbling block is that it requires Department of Defense approval. If I were to include this item for you to pursue at this time, it would probably involve a delay of the first increment of the Technical Building by about one year. I therefore am asking you to suspend any proposed action on these two items at this time until the contract for the building has been awarded. Once the award has been made these two items can be put in by the Chief of Engineers as a change order and will not hold up the rest of the building construction. I hope this meets with your approval.

With reference to the items above I would like to point out that the amount of money that we had programmed for Fiscal Year 1958 to complete the Technical Building did not meet the funds required to complete the construction at Monmouth, so in addition to losing the Technical Building, the Chief Signal Officer withdrew about a half million dollars from our Fiscal Year 1958 program and is doing the same at other Posts to make up the difference between the $4,500,000 that we had for our Technical Building and the $6,000,000 which he needs at Monmouth. The items which were deleted were items a, b, c, d, e and g. The first four items are extremely important and I made this the subject of a strong reclama to the Chief Signal Officer. These items are to match up the two Battalion Barracks which are to be built shortly and for which funds were appropriated for Fiscal Year 1957. The men will be quartered in one location and their working facilities will be approximately two miles away. This will result in much lost time, inefficiency and ineffectiveness. Item f is very essential in the new barracks area and is most important for the provision of utilities and access roads to the new barracks area. I have put the second BOQ in a high priority and do not believe that you care for a detailed explanation on this item. I put in as relatively high priority the two additional barracks, and you probably recollect that our original Fiscal Year 1957 program called for four instead of two barracks, but the troop housing was arbitrarily reduced by fifty percent. I believe that this was done by the Bureau of the Budget before the program was submitted to the Congress. I included in next higher priority a Post Commissary, as well as a Post Exchange and Cafeteria. The

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present Commissary is in one-half of a converted warehouse. We are extremely short of warehouses, and our original program calling for three for Fiscal Year 1957 was reduced to one. The result, of course, is that much of our technical equipment is exposed to the elements and if we do build a new Commissary, we can utilize present facilities for what they were intended to be and store critical items of a very expensive nature at a considerable saving to the taxpayer. The new Post Exchange is on a very high priority because of the fact that we are using makeshift facilities and its present location will be, in a very short period of time, in the way of other programmed construction. The two civilian dormitories are very essential for the proper housing of our on-post single civilian male and female personnel. These people are presently living in facilities which are just as substandard for their purpose as our bachelor officers' quarters are substandard for them. This is particularly true in the relatively large group of single women essential to us in our administrative, clerical and stenographic fields. Our turnover in this type of personnel is extremely high, largely because of sub-standard housing.

Item m, Test Facilities Buildings, are very modest concrete block shelters, each of which should not cost more than $12,000. These will be spaced at intervals of probably fifty yards and will provide us with shelter to prove and test technical equipment used in the field by a field army under combat conditions. It will permit us to accomplish our job without having the equipment exposed to the elements at all times, and with a minimum waste of time in going from one location to another in evaluating the effectiveness of field communications systems. A further cogent reason is that by utilization of the proposed test shelters, I will be able to return to depot stocks for troop use ten million dollars worth of Signal Corps technical equipment which is now installed in motor vehicles for use by tactical troops.

With further reference to the cafeteria and Post Exchange, the Army uses a standard square footage formula. Post Exchange facilities and Commissary in remote areas such as we are are patronized much more highly than in cosmopolitan areas. For instance, our Commissary is presently doing over $100,000 worth of business per month, which is far in excess of the average, but will increase to $150,000 per month by the end of 1957. We are asking, therefore, for a Commissary and a Post Exchange which will be modestly increased over the size provided elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

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