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Dear Carl:

The second most important item in the Military Construction bill, now before Congress, and applicable to Fort Huachuca, is the \$6 870 000 for the three EM Barrackx Complex. I told you when I visited you in the Hospital at Phoenix that I was most anxious that eight new Barrack buildings be included in the 1968 Military Construction bill, and that I had been assured that a five Barrack building with component buildings would be asked by the Department of Defense. This was trimmed to a three man Barrack buildings request. Monday I told Roy that I was very hopeful that you could arrange for the three building complex to be raised to a five man building complex. Going over the matter with people fully competent to survey the immediate needs, I am earnestly requesting that you arrange that this item be increased to

\$9 101 000 for five EM Barrack building complex
Such action would increase the total for Fort Huachuca from \$10 226 000 to ~~\$12 457 000~~ - \$12 457 00.

This is urgently required to provide adequate troop housing for units permanently stationed at Fort Huachuca, now housed in temporary mobilization type barracks erected in 1942, located in areas remote from post activity facilities and certainly uneconomical to maintain, almost impossible to rearrange.

The original request was for five EM Barrack buildings (1630 spaces), supported by two mess halls, two administrative and supply buildings and other support facilities. This was reduced to three EM Barrack buildings with ~~2x~~978 spaces supported by one mess hall, one administrative and supply building and support facilities.

Certainly it is uneconomical to reduce the number of Barrack buildings from five to three. The estimated cost for the five Barrack complex was \$2 900 per man compared to \$3 700 per man for the three ~~man~~ Barrack complex. Since a contractor would be able to construct the five Barrack complex at one time at a lesser cost than constructing them in increments, the differential in cost per man will be even greater if the two Barracks are deferred.

Frankly, it is hardly fair to troops permanently stationed at Fort Huachuca to live in Barracks far inferior and far older than the Barracks constructed at Fort Huachuca during the last seven years, modern with air conditioning and arranged for convenience and comfort rather than for temporary shelter.

The five Barrack complex will go a long way to providing adequate housing for permanent personnel at Fort Huachuca. It leaves some seven or eight other Barrack buildings for future construction, but only three of these are for the present permanent personnel.

With the plans now under consideration, additional troop housing will be required for training units. This is dependent on future training needs. The five Barrack complex which is requested in the 1969 Military Construction bill covers immediate and direct needs as of now.

Carl, I am very sure that increasing the troop housing to the five man Barrack building complex will do more to assure the absolute permanency of Fort Huachuca than any other one thing that could be done at present. I am an old man, I am tired, I want to see that Fort made a permanent installation. I know that you are equally or more interested in its permanence than am I.

So please see those in position to assure the building of the five Barrack complex, as well as the man who can prevent any delay after the MCA bill is passed, and assure its construction as the Congress plans.

I do not want to bother you too much, but this is the most important thing about which I know just now.

My best to you and to ~~Rex~~ Roy.

As ever

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name 'Carl', written in dark ink.