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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY, Presidio of San Francisco, California, 27 Nov 48

TO: Director of Logistics, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.

1. The transfer of Fort Huachuca to the Arizona National Guard is deemed essential for the following reasons:

a. At present, the State of Arizona has for its National Guard summer training state-owned Fort Tuthill. Fort Tuthill does not have facilities for field artillery or tank firing, nor does it have sufficient area for the maneuver of a regimental combat team. The present capacity of Fort Tuthill is 1,200; the anticipated required capacity for 1949 is 2,180 officers and men. Additional mess halls, latrines and bath facilities would therefore be required. In addition, the encampment at Fort Tuthill in 1948 was faced with a serious water shortage, a condition which would have to be corrected for 1949. The Adjutant General, Arizona National Guard estimates that it would cost \$7,500 to put Fort Tuthill in condition for the 1949 encampment, yet there would be no field artillery firing areas, nor regimental maneuver areas available. Even with this expenditure of \$7,500 Fort Tuthill would be capable of accommodating the Arizona National Guard for only one year, provided another area were used for field artillery and maneuver areas.

b. On the other hand, it has been estimated by the Adjutant General of Arizona that the cost of placing Fort Huachuca in condition, fit for use for summer training for 1949, will be \$15,000. The benefit of the major part of such rehabilitation will extend, of course, into succeeding year. Although not specifically mentioned by the Adjutant General of Arizona, it is assumed that the rehabilitation estimate is based on facilities necessary for the expected attendance of the 1949 summer training period: 2,200. The planned ultimate strength of the Arizona National Guard, expected to be reached in 1951-52, is 3,700.

c. In addition to its use by the National Guard, Fort Huachuca would offer a possible training site for ROTC and ORC units.

2. It is believed that the basic request fully warrants approval. It is recommended that such approval be given and that necessary action be taken by the Department of the Army to expedite the transfer.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL!

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