

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION

Fort Huachuca, Arizona
December 28, 1948

Mr Don Dustin
Office of Senator Carl Hayden
Senate Office Building
Washington, D C

My dear Don:

Attached you will find the files which contain the documents leading to the transfer of Fort Huachuca from WAA to the State of Arizona for National Guard and Game and Fish Commission program. Except for buildings sold offsite, all land, utilities and buildings at Fort Huachuca are being transferred from Federal control to the State by these documents which culminate in the terms of the Deeds set forth herein.

I want to tell you how much pleasure I had in meeting you and the members of the Senator's staff in Washington and in working with you on this problem. Without the guidance and prestige of Senator Hayden and without help coming from your office, transfer would not have been accomplished on the schedule agreed upon between WAA and the State of Arizona. For this help please accept my very sincere thanks.

Any questions that may arise with regard to the Fort Huachuca transfer could be referred to me and I would be happy to give you such further information as may be needed.

A week ago R L Brown undertook to revive the controversy about the mine property near the Canella Gate which has been brought to the attention of Senator Hayden at different times over a period of the last 15 years. If there is further discussion of this subject, I would be glad to keep you fully informed. An examination of the records seem to show quite clearly that it was determined by the War Department that Miss McFadin's mining claims are located on the Military Reservation and are not enclosed within the fence line by any error of survey. Whatever other points might be discussed, it would appear that all claim to title has been lost by Miss McFadin due to the removal by her of equipment from the mine in 1933 and no subsequent legal action or effort to comply with the laws requiring assessment work appear on record.

With all best wishes for a most successful New Year.

Very cordially yours,



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