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Hon. Carl Hayden
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Frequently I am hearing disturbing rumors relative to the status of Fort Huachuca.

Recently our mutual friend Jack Moore dropped into the office and told me that he and many in Cochise County were hearing the same kind of tales. Jack also informed me that in his opinion you, and you alone, could assure that the status of that historic old Arizona military establishment would not be abandoned or in any way changed.

The people of Arizona, and particularly we old timers have a deep, sentimental interest in Fort Huachuca and, therefore, are much concerned when we hear rumors that it might be abandoned as a military post and speaking for myself, I certainly hope its name will not be changed.

There is a tendency to change the pioneer names of military establishments and spots of natural beauty and scenic grandeur. The legislature recognizing this trend enacted a law at the last regular session prohibiting it, a copy of which act is enclosed herewith for your information.

Not only have we a sentimental interest in the maintenance of Fort Huachuca as a military establishment but also a practical interest. It must be remembered that it is the only station for ground troops between El Paso and San Diego. That is a long stretch of border and I am sure that it would be a mistake not to maintain Fort Huachuca.

Dear Carl:

Jack Moore was in my office last week and told me that his people were greatly disturbed regarding the status of Ft. Huachuca. He also told me that he felt you alone could assure the future of that old Arizona landmark.

Let me add my plea to those of the good people of that section, that you do all in your power to assure the continued activation of the Fort. And here I want to say that I believe the people of the state want the name Huachuca retained rather than a change which is transitory at best. The Huachuca mountains have a long and interesting history and Ft. Huachuca has added much to that history.

The Ft. Huachuca installation is the only station for ground troops between El Paso and San Diego and, while it is true that ground troops are moved with rapidity, nevertheless the length of that border requires protection.

I do not need to recount to you the advantages and the advisability of retaining troops at this old military post, but I do want to ask that you use your influence to the fullest measure for the early activation of that fine training center.

Hon. Carl Hayden
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May I hope that you will use your great influence to the end that the name Fort Huachuca be retained and the fort be activated for all military purposes necessary and particularly as a training center.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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