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Re: Development of
Industry at Ft. Huachuca

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Mr. R. W. Steffen, President
Tombstone Chamber of Commerce
Tombstone, Arizona

My dear Mr. Steffen:

With reference to your letter of June seventeenth relative to the development of an industry of some kind at Fort Huachuca, I want to assure you and the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce that we are bending every effort towards having an industry of some kind locate at the Fort.

The recent incident at the Fort was one we had been led to believe would be consummated. The information that I had available was such that I was pretty well assured that there would be a development of some kind and that it would be located at the Fort.

There was an incident occurred at another point within the state that led me to believe the parties who were interested in leasing the Fort were not altogether fair with me in the information they had given me. Upon learning this, I immediately went to the coast to find out whether or not the people that had been talked of were interested in the Fort and they said they were not.

It was quite a let down to me and I felt it very keenly and I still think that I acted to the best interest of all concerned. The men with whom I was dealing I had known for a good many years and I had every reason to believe they were giving me information that I could accept, however, the investigation developed that they had been giving me a lot of misinformation and the enthusiasm I had built up for this development at the fort soon faded.

I was particularly interested in getting something, not only started for the town of Tombstone, but for the welfare of the entire section of that country. The mines were laying off men in Bisbee and I

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was in hopes that this would take up the slack. As it was, nothing developed and we are back where we started trying to find some industry that might be interested in coming into Fort Huachuca. At present we have no prospects but I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to interest some industry to locate at the fort.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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