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MEMO TO: Major General A. M. Tuthill - The Adjutant General

SUBJECT: Fort Huachuca

In assuming control of Fort Huachuca it is necessary to bear in mind that under Public Law 829 the area, together with improvements, being transferred to the State of Arizona is for the purpose of training reserve components of which the National Guard is one. Assuming control of Fort Huachuca brings up many problems that must be resolved at an early date.

The first problem is maintaining adequate fire and police supervision. Fire protection requires the services of personnel to operate fire prevention equipment. Police supervision requires personnel to prevent theft and spoilage of buildings earmarked for use of the National Guard of Arizona. Each building has certain installed contents and from a spot inspection made recently practically every building showed evidence of forced entry and in many instances disclosed that theft had been made of valuable items of equipment. In addition to equipment being affixed to buildings there are many items of equipment, as indicated in the transfer file, that are now stored in either warehouses, fire stations, power plant and similar installations.

Before accepting and signing for this property, a survey must be made of certain monuments establishing boundaries in order that no difficulty will be had with owners of adjacent property.

The matter of inventory is a serious one. It does not consist merely of checking the number of building or an improvement; it means entering the building and tabulating the contents therein. The contents of the buildings will include such items as fire extinguishers, bath tubs, light fixtures, heating equipment, and in many instances, the identification of the equipment to include the type, equipment number and model.

To accomplish the survey and inventory, a crew of not less than eight (8) persons should be employed. This matter has been discussed

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with Mr. Robert Kelley, State Surplus Property Officer, and he concurs that it is a major task. Mr. Kelley is offering the services of Lieutenant Frank Panicevich, a National Guard officer, as well as a member of Mr. Kelley's staff to assist and it is recommended that this officer be accepted in view of the fact that funds are available for the payment of his salary and expenses from those appropriated to the State Surplus Property Office.

It is estimated that a period of approximately thirty (30) days will be required to complete the survey and inventory and it is recommended that an emergency appropriation be made in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to cover salary and expense of persons to be employed to conduct the survey and inventory.

Attached herewith are copies of maintenance costs presently in effect at Fort Huachuca that have been furnished by the War Assets Administration Project Manager, Mr. Ralph P. Merritt. It is suggested that consideration be given to these figures as it is very probable that additional emergency appropriations must be made to carry this overhead subsequent to the date the State of Arizona accepts Fort Huachuca.

Respectfully submitted,

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2 Inclosures:
Ltr frm R.P. Merritt, WAA, dtd 1-10-49
Maintenance Costs - Ft Huachuca

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