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Honorable Dan E. Garvey,
Acting Governor
State of Arizona

My dear Governor Garvey:

Yesterday I returned from Fort Huachuca and Mr. Ralph Merritt asked me to inform you that the U. S. Army Air Forces are taking steps to acquire nine thousand acres of the Garden Canyon area of the Fort Huachuca land reservation. They are also attempting to acquire five hundred acres of land which comprises the air strip. Mr. Merritt informed them that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's application had been approved in San Francisco and Washington and in the immediate future it would be transferred if the army would not interfere. He suggested that you contact both of our Senators and have them contact the Secretary of Air, Mr. Symington, and request that the Air Forces refrain from entering into the Fort Huachuca picture. He also stated that this land is to be used for recreational purposes and not for national defense.

The Ryan Army Air Field at Tucson, Arizona has been transferred completely to Mr. Pete Waggoner. Pipe and utilities for replacements and extension of lines at Ryan were also transferred from Marana and Coolidge Army Air Base. The Civil Aeronautics Administration coordinated this with Pinal County. Mr. Pete Waggoner should be very well pleased with the assistance given him by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

We are in the process of distributing the Kingman Army Air Base equipment and also in the process of preparing leases for the Civilian Air Patrol to take over some of the auxiliary fields. In this connection, we are working very closely with Mr. Boots Watts.

Mr. Merritt would also like to be advised what steps have been taken by the Legislature to transfer the Fort Grant Industrial School, Fort Huachuca. In the event that this is not possible, Mr. Merritt wants to prepare another application for the Arizona

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Guard so that the State will not lose any of the buildings or any of the property. We have already made arrangements with Mr. Merritt to transfer the entire water facilities, pipes, pumps and etc. to the Arizona National Guard. This pipe will be used for replacements in the old area and will save the State thousands of dollars in expenses. Monday, September 20th, the schools will make their selection of buildings and beginning with the priority date the first part of October, we will sell buildings to veterans, counties, and non-profit institutions. If it is possible in the near future, Mr. Merritt would like to have you look over the installation at Fort Huachuca. We will keep you advised of any new developments.

Very truly yours,

Robert O. Kelly

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