

STATE OF ARIZONA
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
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Deed to Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Phoenix Real Estate Office
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
210 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona
ATTENTION: Mr. Ed Atkinson

1. On or about 28 October 1949, Colonel Frank E. Fraser, my executive officer, was in Washington, D. C. to fulfill an appointment with the honorable Jess Larson, Administrator of General Services Administration. The appointment and conference was held to clarify the faulty deed received by the State of Arizona from War Assets Administration under date 15 February 1949, insofar as the National Guard of Arizona is concerned with Fort Huachuca. Discussion involved both the old post area and the Artillery Range.

2. Under date of 2 September 1949, Mr. Larson had submitted a request to the Secretary of Defense to issue a new deed to the State of Arizona covering the portion of Fort Huachuca the National Guard was to receive. Under Public Law 152, 81st Congress, the Secretary of Defense has the authority to issue or reissue deeds. Mr. Larson was of the opinion the request had been acted upon and new deed issued.

3. Upon investigation and conferences with Mr. T. L. Peyton, Non-Industrial Properties Director, GSA (WAA), Mr. Manuel B. Miller, General Counsel's Office, GSA (WAA), Colonel Welch, a member of the Staff GSA (WAA), Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief National Guard Bureau and Colonel W. J. Truss, Logistics Branch National Guard Bureau, it was determined that the Secretary of Defense had referred the matter to the Director of Logistics, Department of the Army, for action, who in turn had directed the Chief of Engineers to draft a new deed. All persons referred to by name stated the new deed to the Artillery Range would embody the exceptions based upon exchange made between the State Land Commissioner and the Department of the Interior.

4. It was further determined through the conferences that the Chief of Engineers was directing the Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, to prepare the new deed in such a manner as to be satisfactory to the recipient, which is the National Guard of Arizona. As of this

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date no word has been received from the Division Engineer nor his staff as to the status of said deed. Lack of a proper deed is seriously handicapping the Military Department of Arizona in preparation of training plans. In addition leases that will be productive of very necessary revenue cannot be executed. Finally, expenditures of state appropriated monies cannot be made, resulting in serious depreciation of what was at one time a valuable installation.

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5. In view of the foregoing it is earnestly requested that your office take such action as may be necessary to expedite this matter, and in addition provide this office with a draft of the proposed new deed in order we may be, at least once, acquainted with what is transpiring.

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The Adjutant General