



Re: Ft. Huachuca

SURPLUS PROPERTY PURCHASING AGENCY

STATE OF ARIZONA

Rm. 109 ARIZONA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

ROBERT O. KELLY
PURCHASING AGENT

November 14, 1947

The Honorable Sidney P. Osborn
Governor of Arizona

My dear Governor Osborn:

A meeting concerning Fort Huachuca was held yesterday afternoon in the President's office at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Attending this meeting were Mr. King and Mr. McCloud of the Arizona Cattlemen's Association, Mr. Charles P. Beach, Mr. H. L. Reid, Mr. Thomas C. Kimball and Mr. William L. Gambrell of the Arizona State Game and Fish Commission, Mr. L. D. Klemmedson of the State Department of Public Instruction, Mr. C. L. Harkins of the U. S. Department of Education, Doctor Robert L. Nugent, Vice President of the University of Arizona, Doctor Ernest B. Stanley, Mr. Max Robinson, Doctor Charles T. Vorhies and Doctor Walter S. Phillips and representatives of this office.

The University of Arizona outlined in detail their contemplated use of Fort Huachuca lands. The University proposed that through cooperative agreement with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, the propagation of native wildlife be encouraged and studied on the area. Since one of the major problems throughout Arizona, and indeed the entire western range country, is one of livestock interests vs. game interests and since in the majority of cases the problem is one that can be answered by cooperative endeavor in effecting good range management, it is proposed that a genuine effort be made to demonstrate the practicability of using range lands by game and livestock.

The Arizona State Game and Fish Commission agreed to this proposal with the one exception. The Arizona State Game and Fish Commission requested that a herd of two hundred and fifty (250) buffalo be allowed to roam the ranges of Fort Huachuca. This request was answered by Doctor Stanley of the University of Arizona. He stated that as far as his department was concerned the University of Arizona would withdraw their entire application for Fort Huachuca if any buffalo were allowed on the range. Arguments were heard on both sides of this question and after lengthy discussion the undersigned asked that the meeting be adjourned as it appeared that no definite agreement between the two interested parties could be reached. It was agreed by all attending that the

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meeting would be continued and problems of mutual interest would be discussed at an early date. It was then decided that the Arizona State Game and Fish Commission would meet with the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents at Tucson on Tuesday November 18, 1947.

After this meeting all findings will be submitted to the Board of Regents, University of Arizona for final decision on November 22, 1947.

It was further decided that the members that were representing the University of Arizona did not have the authority to act for the University of Arizona without first receiving the approval of the Board of Regents.

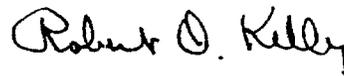
The University of Arizona contends that the buffalo is not native to Arizona and therefor would not be included in their wild life program. The Arizona State Game and Fish Commission took the basis that the buffalo would be a great tourist attraction.

The representative of the U. S. Department of Education explained in detail how this installation could be acquired at a 100% discount and also explained that the possibility of the Arizona State Game and Fish Commission obtaining this installation for their proposed use would be practically nil.

The undersigned impressed on all those present that it was absolutely necessary that some mutual agreement be reached within the next ten days as the time element was important in the acquisition of this particular property and that a united front from all agencies in the State of Arizona would go a long way in aiding the State to acquire this valuable property.

This office feels that an agreement can be reached in which all parties concerned will be satisfied, and will keep your office advised on all further developments.

Yours very truly,



Robert O. Kelly
Surplus Property Purchasing
Agent - State of Arizona

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