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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Installations, Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Material, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief Liaison Officer
For: Colonel Ralph O. Brownfield

SUBJECT: Recommended Real Estate Action, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

1. Reference is made to:

a. Letter, 18 January 1951, Secretary of the Air Force to Governor of Arizona (Incl. 1).

b. Teletype, 25 January 1951, Governor of Arizona to Secretary of the Air Force (Incl. 2).

c. Letter, 27 January 1951, Governor of Arizona to Secretary of the Air Force (Incl. 3).

d. Teletype, 29 January 1951, Secretary of the Air Force to Governor of Arizona (Incl. 4).

e. Letter, 31 January 1951, Governor of Arizona to Colonel Barnett (Incl. 5).

2. Reference a, paragraphs 1 and 2, are construed to revest in the United States, automatically and instantly, fee title to the land covered by said deed of 14 January 1949. This is in accord with the view of the Attorney General of Arizona.

3. References b, c, d and e evidence, on the part of the state, reluctance to accept title revestment, and, on the part of the United States, no firm or final determination to seize title. On the other hand,

the fully cooperative spirit and attitude of the State of Arizona is apparent.

4. Your further attention is invited to the inclosed memorandum from the Los Angeles District relative to the discussions which were held in the Governor's office on 28 and 29 January 1951.

5. In view of the expressed willingness of the State to enter into a no-cost leasing arrangement, and especially considering the fact that the construction expenditures are to be made in the main on the area covered by the so-called National Guard deed where repossession only can be accomplished thereunder, it appears unnecessary to recapture the fee to the old reservation area covered by the deed of 14 January 1949. A leasing arrangement with the State will amply protect the Government interests, provide all needed real property rights and be highly beneficial from a public relations standpoint.

6. Recommend that the recapture of title action accomplished by paragraphs 1 and 2 of reference a be rescinded, and a leasing arrangement covering all required areas in the installation be negotiated, such to fully protect the Government on all restoration features. Further recommend that such action be coordinated with the USAF General Counsel and/or the Attorney General to determine the legality thereof.

6 Incls:
1 - 5 as above Ref a thru e
6 - Memo for File, LA Dist Engr re Fort Huachuca

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