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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

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Dear Governor Pyle:

This is in reference to your letter of January 29 granting the Government right of entry to certain land and facilities at Fort Huachuca and raising some question as to status of title to the premises.

Since receipt of your letter the Department of the Army has indicated an urgent requirement for this installation, and accordingly it has been determined to assign the facility to that Department.

With respect to the titles, the deed dated January 14, 1949, to the State of Arizona for the conservation of wildlife, specifies that when it is determined the premises are needed for national defense purposes, title thereto reverts to the United States with immediate right of possession thereof. The deed dated April 18, 1950, to the State for use of the National Guard, provides that the United States shall have the right during the existence of a declared national emergency to unrestricted possession, control and use of the property without charge.

Pursuant to provisions contained in the deeds of conveyance, and by virtue of my letter of January 18, 1951, title to the premises conveyed in the deed dated January 14, 1949, reverted to the Government; whereas, the Government has only the right to unrestricted use of the premises conveyed in the deed of April 18, 1950. Use of the property by the Department of the Army does not affect the reversion of title.

In view of the decision to assign the jurisdiction and control of the installation to the Department of the Army, representatives of the Office of the Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, 130 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, will confer with you or your representatives in the immediate future to resolve any questions relating to the use of the premises, movement of buffalo, other matters and agreements.

We are grateful for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John A. McCone

Honorable Howard Pyle
Governor of Arizona
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