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Dear Governor Pyle:

I am very sorry that you had difficulty in contacting me by telephone with regard to the status of Fort Huachuca. However, on receipt of your letter I made an immediate check with the following result:

As you observed on your visit to Fort Huachuca on 16 August 1952, this post is being utilized for the activation and training of aviation engineer battalions to be assigned to the Air Force. Because of a reduced requirement on the part of the Air Force, no further units of this type will be required. Consequently, as each unit completes its training it must be moved to sites where its services are required by the Air Force. As a result, this Fall will see the last of such units phased out and there will be no further requirement for this type of training at Fort Huachuca. It would, therefore, appear possible that the rumor you mention was based on knowledge of this phase out activity.

I know you will realize that requirements for installations do not always remain constant. When changes occur, the Army must of necessity re-survey its overall station requirements in an endeavor to ascertain their most economical and efficient use. Such is the present status with regard to Huachuca. Actually, no decision concerning the future status has yet been made. We are currently endeavoring to determine whether other units can appropriately utilize this facility consistent with the necessary economy of operation and it would be premature to arrive at a conclusion until these studies are completed.

While regretting my inability to furnish you with more definite information, I wish to again assure you that the studies currently underway will consider all factors which may have a bearing on Fort Huachuca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maxwell D. Taylor", is written over the typed name.

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