

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Hon. Carl Hayden
U. S. Senate

Dear Senator Hayden:

I have your letter of September 21, 1945, and inclosures regarding the future utilization of Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

As you no doubt realize, it is not practicable at this time to make a definite statement in connection with the postwar requirements for Army installations. Such requirements will be governed by decisions yet to be made by Congress as to the size, the type of training to be conducted, and the deployment of an authorized postwar Army. It is true that some Army installations have already been declared surplus to the War Department needs, and decisions declaring some others surplus will probably be made within the immediate future. The installations falling in this category are believed to be unnecessary to the mission of the War Department under any arrangements which may be made in the future. There are many other installations, however, on which final decisions cannot be made as to their status until certain information regarding our postwar Army is known. I assure you, however, that the War Department is doing everything possible in order to bring about such decisions with the least practicable delay.

As you probably know, Fort Huachuca is still an active installation and it does not now appear that this post will fall within the category of camps to become surplus within the immediate future. I believe it to be one of those installations, the future status of which can only be finally determined when the postwar requirements of our Army are definitely established.

You may be assured that in the continuing studies being made by the War Department, every consideration is being given to the use of the facilities at Fort Huachuca, and if and when there is any major change in the status of the installation, I shall be glad to have you advised promptly. Your personal interest in the matter is greatly appreciated, and I regret that more definite information cannot be furnished at this time.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of War

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