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Governor's Office  
Attention: Mr. Strode

Dear Mr. Strode:

Reference the letter from Col. Oliver Haines, Chief of Staff 6th Army, Presidio, California in which the War Department is desirous of having more details before they will consider the matter of freezing property and equipment at Fort Huachuca.

This is to advise your office that the University of Arizona would be the agency that would be able to give the amount of personal property needed and data showing what activity this equipment would be used for.

Attached is a copy of a letter received from Doctor Robert L. Nugent, Vice President of the University of Arizona and this office's answers to his questions.

It is the opinion of this office that at the present time that there is no agency including the University of Arizona that has sufficient proposed plans of operation at Fort Huachuca to justify either the Army or War Assets Administration in freezing any of this equipment. In all meetings held they are very vague in what use they intend to make of this particular installation.

This office feels further that the University of Arizona will not be able to justify the acquisition of the old Fort and all of its buildings as this part of Fort Huachuca is sufficient to conduct the entire University of Arizona's activities.

We feel further that the University of Arizona could use a number of buildings and facilities that are located at Fort Huachuca but are of the opinion that we will have some difficulty in acquiring this at a 100% discount. However, the U. S. Department of Education and this office will aid the University of Arizona in this attempted acquisition.

It is felt that other state agencies should become interested in this particular plan as it is such a large installation that there would be room for more than one operation.

Yours very truly,

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