

POST SIGNAL OFFICE  
FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA

9 February 1953

Lieutenant Colonel Bill James, Sig C  
Signal Section  
Headquarters Sixth Army  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Dear Bill:

While it's all fresh in my mind it's best I get the VIP story on paper. As per our conversation and the TWX: Colonel Jules E. Gonseth, Sig C., Air Section Fort Monmouth, Colonel John Clapper, Sig C., O&T Dir. OCSig O, Lt Colonel Forrest Diehl, Sig C., Electronic Warfare and Major Earl Neilson, Sig C., Air Section OCSig O., arrived at Fort Huachuca 1245, 6 Feb 53.

They were not interested in our automatic exchange as your TWX stated. I am aware the information you passed to me was the straight dope you received from OCSig O. The entire party was interested in matters which I extracted from the TWX I received from the Sig O Fort Riley, Kansas.

No doubt, you and Colonel Cooper will hear more details direct from the Chiefs Office when a formal report has been turned in. About all I can add here is: It appears to me their only objective was to visit Fort Huachuca. This conclusion is derived from their very short stops at Chicago, Riley and Fort Sill for only a matter of minutes. They tore into this post like wild men and I assure you the Post Commander, Colonel Dunne, and yours truly gave them the gold plated treatment.

After a damn fast tour all over the post they wanted to see what the inside of the quarters looked like. Their desire was granted.

Then we came to my office and started through a set of maps, pictures, analysis and index sheets. In about 2 minutes Colonel Gonseth said "You have everything we need right here and then some, can we have copies." Of course the answer was yes.

On the way to the Air Strip they told me they thought Fort Huachuca was by far the best place for their projects and missions and all four stated collectively and individually they would recommend it to General Back very strongly. They departed for Los Angeles at 1700.

We will take the following action on Tuesday: Send to Colonel Gonseth, Air Section Fort Monmouth, one set of "Basic Information Maps" one "Real Estate Map, Fort Huachuca", one set "Index Sheets to Detail Site Plan and Building Use Map" and one analysis of existing facilities Fort Huachuca, Arizona, August 1952 revised January 1953, plus one "Aerial Photo, Fort Huachuca - 16" x 20". To Colonel John Clapper, OCSig O, a like set.

This duplicates exactly what we have sent to Colonel Cooper. As you may know you folks have two complete sets. The purpose of two was to permit the Signal Section Sixth Army to retain one set and dispose of the other as you feel necessary. Actually, I thought Colonel Cooper might want to send one set to General Back's Office. I was told by Colonel Clapper is this is done he felt use could be made of them.

Recently we have received word the Chief Signal Officer desires record photos of Signal activities of various Post's, Camps and Stations. This is being done here. Additional 8" x 10" photos will be run off to provide Colonel Gonseth and Colonel Clapper each with one set and two sets will be forwarded to you with the view of including them with the maps and other data already in your hands.

But, all this fails to provide any solution in so far as the trouble in the automatic telephone equipment is concerned. Prior correspondence has covered this problem, however, with each day additional trouble develops. One of these days we will be out of business.

Sincerely,

CHARLES S. BREEDING  
Lt Colonel, Signal Corps  
Post Signal Officer