



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Honorable Carl Hayden

United States Senate

Dear Senator Hayden:

Pursuant to your request for information concerning the status of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and supplementing my letter of June 18th, I should like to add the following information in order that you may be completely informed as to the present status of this installation.

As I indicated to you in previous correspondence and discussions, the Department of the Army has for the past six months been endeavoring to consolidate its activities in order to effect the maximum economy of operations and to conserve manpower wherever possible. As a result, many installations have been inactivated and construction of other facilities has been terminated.]

During the course of the evaluation of all these installations it was determined that Fort Huachuca should be inactivated. This decision was made due to the limited utilization of the facility and the curtailment of training at this installation of aviation engineer battalions.

Subsequent to the announced inactivation of Fort Huachuca, you queried this office concerning the possible use of the installation for Signal Corps training. [Consideration was given to the possible use of Fort Huachuca for the Signal Corps; however, due to the reduced requirement for training facilities, it was determined that the Signal Corps could perform its activities at two installations currently in operation: Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and Camp Gordon, Georgia. Accordingly, the third facility utilized for Signal Corps training, namely, Camp San Luis Obispo, California, was announced for inactivation. The latter station will be inactivated upon completion of the current training cycle and the cadre personnel will be transferred to other installations upon completion of such training.]

After a thorough review and analysis of all requirements of the Department of the Army, it has been determined that there is no current or foreseeable requirement for the utilization of Fort Huachuca. Accordingly, this installation will be maintained on a standby basis for possible future use by the Department of the Army and will be utilized for civilian component training as required.]

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Your very deep and continued interest in this matter is sincerely appreciated. You may be assured that should there be any change in the status of this installation, you will be promptly advised.

Sincerely yours,


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