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Dear Mr. Farrington:

This is to assure you that we are in the process of executing a quit claim deed to the United States conveying title to the real and personal property comprising Fort Huachuca.

As you have probably learned by now, two problems have been giving us considerable concern.

Our Fish and Game Department has a substantial investment at Fort Huachuca including the responsibility for a herd of buffalo which has been ranging on the property for some time. We have been generally assured that there need be no conflict between the Army management of Fort Huachuca and the Game Department's continued supervision of the buffalo herd in particular.

The importance of this matter can be better understood if it is noted here that we have long since arrived at the conclusion that if the buffalo couldn't be left on the range they would have to be destroyed, because we simply can't stand the cost of moving them to another location. Furthermore, we have no other location in Arizona that can be considered suitable to the preservation and reasonable propagation of these animals.

It should also be understood that the State is systematically holding the size of this herd to a very reasonable number. This means that it is not an expanding problem, but one that should be very easily contained simply by working out the proper understanding between all concerned.

The other major problem of the two in connection with our return of title to this property is the future of our National Guard training facilities. The Arizona National Guard has now reached a strength that makes it

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imperative that such a facility as Fort Huachuca be available if possible for the annual summer encampment.

It is my understanding that General Fraser, Arizona's Adjutant General, is well along in the establishing of a proper relationship on this front, and it is certainly our hope that nothing will interrupt the continuity of our best use of certain specified areas of Fort Huachuca for our National Guard training program.

May I say that we have had fine cooperation from the Department of the Army in arranging the final details of our transfer of title on this property. We want you to know that we welcome the return to a permanent status of this post, and assure you that Arizona will do everything possible to expedite the fullest possible use of this outstanding reservation.

Sincerely

/s/ Howard Pyle

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