

SPLRS 601.1 (Fort Huachuca,
Planning Report)

23 December 1955

THRU: The Adjutant General
State of Arizona Military Department
747 West Van Buren Street
Phoenix, Arizona

TO: The Honorable Ernest W. McFarland
Governor of State of Arizona
State Capitol
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor McFarland:

This office has been directed to prepare a Planning Report on the Fort Huachuca Artillery Range to furnish information to the United States Army to set forth problems relating to full acquisition of the property.

It is noted that House Bill 170 was passed by the House of Representatives, 20th Legislature, Second Regular Session, effective March 13, 1952 (Incl 1). This authorized the Governor to execute in behalf of the State instruments of transfer of the title of real and personal property comprising Fort Huachuca to the United States, said property being that conveyed to the State by various deeds when Fort Huachuca became surplus.

Pursuant to this authority, on October 22, 1952, in a letter to this office (Incl 2), Governor Howard Pyle stated that the State of Arizona for a nominal consideration would execute quit claim deeds to Fort Huachuca, including Cemetery and Artillery Range, to the United States of America, provided Fort Huachuca would be declared and remain an active installation. On the strength of this commitment, a requirement for all of the original area of Fort Huachuca and only a portion of the Artillery Range was fulfilled by a quit claim deed made on September 9, 1954, from the State of Arizona, acting by and through the Governor, to the United States.

The expanding operations at Fort Huachuca now require full acquisition of the remaining portion of the Artillery Range. In order to have full information for the Planning Report now being prepared, it is requested that, if possible, you state whether or not you can make a commitment to be included in the report that you will execute a quit claim deed to the United States for the portion of the Artillery Range still held by the State of Arizona, which was deeded to the State when Fort Huachuca became surplus.

EXHIBIT "D"

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The Honorable Ernest W. McFarland
Governor of State of Arizona
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Since we have been requested to complete the Planning Report as soon as possible, it would be appreciated if an early reply would be made to this communication.

Very truly yours,

/s/ S. C. Farrington
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Chief, Phoenix Real Estate
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2 Incls:

1. House Bill 170 (2)
2. Letter 22 Oct 1952 (2)