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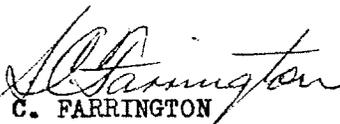
SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiry on Public Domain Withdrawal

TO: Commanding General  
Army Electronic Proving Ground  
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

1. This will confirm telephone conversations between Colonel McCoach, Colonel Klein, and the undersigned, yesterday and today, in connection with subject matter.

2. Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of the teletype from the Chief of Engineers to the South Pacific Division Engineer containing the request for information. Also attached is a copy of the teletype dispatched from this office today. We appreciate very much the cooperation of your Command in making this information available.

3. In connection with the acquisition of land for the Artillery Range, it is expected that this office will initiate action in the very near future to withdraw the public domain land and arrange for exchanges between the State of Arizona and the Bureau of Land Management. In the event an immediate right of entry is desired and this office receives authority, we will make an effort to obtain such right of entry, both from the Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Department.

  
S. C. FARRINGTON  
Assistant Area Engineer  
for Real Estate

2 Incls:

1. Cy of tt fr OCE to Div  
Engr
2. Cy of tt fr Ariz Area Off  
to OCE

2-20-57  
(20367)

The following information is given in answer to an inquiry made by Congressman Udall of Arizona with respect to the real estate involved in the re-acquisition by the Dept of Army of the 20 some odd thousand acres of the old Ft Huachuca Artillery Range.

a. Question: Will additional water supply be requested?

Answer: No. The needs for the Artillery Range are to provide the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Ground with the range of capabilities for artillery fire <sup>will</sup> and drone aircraft and ~~xxx~~ in no way involve additional water requirements.

b. Question: If so, have provisions been made to observe ground and water laws and other similar laws of the State of Arizona?

Answer: Answer being negative to the first question, there is no answer required to this second question.

c. Question: Has it been agreed that all state fish and game laws will be enforced on this tract and will state game wardens have necessary access to the area for game management and conversation purposes?

Answer: The Department of Army requires military commanders to carry out certain provisions of all state game and fish laws. These laws and the appropriate Army regulations presently apply to Ft Huachuca and will apply to the acquisition of the additional real estate.

WOPG-CE

31 January 1957

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation, Col McCoach and Mr Sam Farrington, Phoenix Office  
Dist Engr, this date

Mr. Farrington: I have a TWX from the Chief of Engineers in Washington in reference to a congressional inquiry. I will read it to you. "Congressman Udall requests the following information on withdrawal of public domain for Ft Huachuca. Will additional water supply be required? If so, have provisions been made to observe the ground and water laws ~~in force~~ and other similar laws of the State of Arizona? Has it been agreed that all state fish and game laws will be enforced on this tract and will state game wardens have necessary access to the area for game management and conservation purposes." Now, that is the wire from the Ch of Engrs to our Div at San Francisco and they requested us to get the information and wire it back. This is on the artillery range.

Col McCoach: As soon as I can discuss this with the General, I will call you back.

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Acquisition of Real Estate--Artillery Range  
Engineer  
18 Feb 57  
Mr Farris/mf/2363

The following information received direct from Arizona Area Office-Real Estate, under date 12 Feb 57 regarding acquisition of the Artillery Range.

" 601.1 (Fort Huachuca, Ariz - Additional Land - RE-D 6752)

1. In accordance with your telephonic request, this is to state we have received Real Estate Directive 6752, approved 30 Oct. 1956, which authorizes 24,080.14 acres of land, more or less, to be acquired for the expansion of the Army Electronic Proving Ground, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
2. We have just recently been authorized to proceed with the acquisition. To date, the State Land Department has begun preliminary work on exchanging the State School lands within the area. The public domain land is covered by a Special Land Use Permit for the National Guard, State of Arizona. There is, therefore, no possibility of any applications for homestead entries to be acted upon in the area.
3. For your information, attached is a map showing the land to be acquired.

1 Incl  
Map

s/S. C. F.  
t/FARRINGTON"

FOR THE ENGINEER:

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Executive Officer

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