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Acquisition of Artillery Range

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6 Mar 57

Mr Farris/mf/2363

1. Pursuant to conversation between Capt. Gordon and Mr. Farris, the following information relative above subject is submitted:

a. At a conference in Phoenix, 5 Mar 57, attended by representatives of State Land Dept. and the Area Engineer's Office, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, negotiations were begun on exchange of mineral rights on State-owned land within the area to be acquired.

b. It was developed that the State of Arizona has already begun negotiations with the Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior, to exchange approximately 2750 acres of school land within the range.

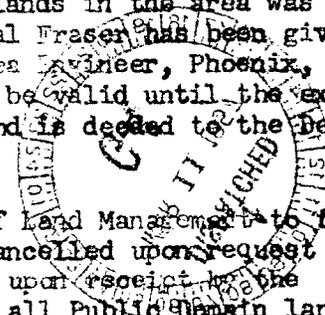
c. Formal request was made of the Bureau of Land Management by the District Engineer, Arizona Area Office, 18 Feb 57, for withdrawal of Public Domain lands in the area. While the actual detail will be accomplished in the Phoenix Office of Bureau of Land Management, the action must be cleared thru the Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

d. A Draft of Deed covering all State land in the range is presently in process of review by the Legal Division, District Engineer, Los Angeles. When this deed is approved and returned to the Arizona Area Office, it will be presented to the Governor of Arizona through the Adjutant General of Arizona for appropriate signature. Authority for the Governor's signature is contained in Ch. 44, Laws of Arizona, 1952.

e. Application has been made to Bureau of Land Management for a Special Land Use Permit to use the Public Domain lands pending the withdrawal and conveyance to the Dept. of the Army. This withdrawal and conveyance may require six months or more to complete.

f. A permit to use all State lands including school lands in the area was requested of the Adjutant General of Arizona, 5 Mar 57. General Fraser has been given complete jurisdiction over these lands and has informed the Area Engineer, Phoenix, that the permit will be forthcoming shortly. This permit will be valid until the exchange of school lands has been completed and all the State land is deeded to the Dept of the Army.

g. Presently in effect is a permit from the Bureau of Land Management to the State of Arizona (administered by Gen. Fraser) which will be cancelled upon request of the Area Engineer. This request will be presented immediately upon receipt by the Area Engineer of the Bureau of Land Management's permit to use all Public Domain lands (par. e above). Thus all lands in the Area will be under control of the Dept. of the Army.



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2. The above information was provided by Mr. S. C. Farrington, Arizona Area Office, Corps of Engineers, upon his visit to this office this date.

3. A map of the land in process of acquisition is inclosed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Map

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