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Major General Frank E. Fraser
The Adjutant General
National Guard of Arizona
747 West Van Buren Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear General Fraser:

I received in an envelope from your office yesterday copies of papers relative to the position of the National Guard of Arizona on the matter of transferring 10,199.80 acres of land to the Department of Army for use by the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Ground. Presumably these papers were forwarded to me at your direction. I appreciate your sending these papers to me for a number of reasons. First, it was not quite clear to me the exact reason why the Governor of Arizona was withholding his signature from the quit claim deed which would effect the transfer of this land. I wanted to assure myself that I, as Commander, has not been responsible for the Arizona National Guard taking the position that they have taken. Inasmuch as there has been a considerable amount of delay in a meeting between you and me, I feel that I should send you a letter explaining my position in this matter so that we will understand our respective positions when you do have time to come to Fort Huachuca and discuss the subject with me.

We are now using through the courtesy of the National Guard the land in question for certain Electronic Warfare problems. In order to properly continue to use these facilities, it is absolutely essential that we program certain types of construction on this land and effectively plan our long range instrumentation facilities. These cannot be accomplishedon land to which the Department of the Army does not have clear title. We have already suspended certain items for construction for a period of one year and cannot very well continue to do so. Failure on the part of the National Guard to change their position in this matter will jeopardize our technical program to the extent that we will be required to make extensive changes which are not only less desirable but will be more expensive in the amount of funds which we will allocate for this purpose. It may well be that the changes in plans will require us to use land facilities on Fort Huachuca proper which the National Guard is now using with my acquiescense for their annual training tactical problems. This, as you can readily see, may operate against the best interests of the National Guard.

I have, whenever questioned on this subject, indicated that I could foresee no reason why the National Guard could not use Fort Huachuca as a summer training site. This is, of course, easy for me to do as my tenure of office as Commanding General is limited to a relatively few years. This

is also true in the case of the Chief Signal Officer, Major General O'Connell. I do not believe, however, and this is strictly my personal opinion, that higher authorities in the Pentagon can properly quarantee indefinitely the utilization of Fort Huachuca by the National Guard as a training site. There is, of course, no one in a position to tell what the extent and proportions the Electronic Proving Ground, which serves the entire Army, will take in the far distant future. I am very hopeful that you will realize the position that you have put me in in this matter and I also hope that we can resolve the differences which exist.

I hope that you will find it possible to come to Fort Huachuca at an ealy date so that we may jointly come to some agreement on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

EMIL LENZNER
Major General, USA
Commanding