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Major General Emil Lenzner  
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Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Dear Emil:

The first mail I have looked at since last Tuesday, the 16th, when doctor placed me in quarters, was your letter of 18 April 1957.

I take the blame for not having transmittal letter or note accompany copy of letter to Secretary of Army. My note of Distribution merely carried initials "CG, Ft Huachuca" and I left for my quarters.

Before proceeding any further, I wish to assure you that the State and myself will not intentionally do anything that will cause you embarrassment or place you in a position of compromise.

The letter of 25 August 1956 addressed to General Muller, a copy of which was inclosed in my letter to Secretary of Army, and copy given to General Thames at time it was prepared, really is basis for action taken 16 April 1957.

You will note in numbered paragraph 4, the Governor was hopeful of having the instrument of transfer drafted for his approval, by the District Engineer the latter part of August or early September 1956.

Furthermore the District Engineer had indicated to General Thames and this Headquarters there would be a meeting held at Fort Huachuca during the period referred to above.

Reference is now made to copy of letter from Honorable Hugh M. Milton II, Assistant Secretary of Army, dated 23 October 1956, a copy of which accompanied my letter to Secretary of Army.

General Lenzner 23 April 1957

The letter of Mr. Milton acknowledged a compliment - my letter of our fine relationship with staff and command of Fort Huachuca dated 18 September 1956. A copy of this letter was transmitted to you on that date. In my letter I closed with statement that we were preparing a request for approval of Secretary of Army whereby he would grant us the right to continue our field training at Fort Huachuca. This is what Mr. Milton referred to when he said "My staff has been withholding a reply in anticipation of receiving your request concerning Fort Huachuca".

We could not submit any request until we knew what action the District Engineer and others would take upon our letter of 25 August 1956.

Recently the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, have been contacting me relative to expediting the transfer of the Artillery Range to the Department of the Army. I referred to our letter of 25 August 1956 and the provisions it contained. Furthermore, I discussed the inclusion of the controversial paragraph into the final deed or instrument of transfer that would assure use of a training site at Fort Huachuca. I have, you will note, informed Mr. Brucker of their reluctance to include any reference to our training at Fort Huachuca.

I am sure you will agree that at this late date we, State and Department of Army, should be further along in the resolving of this matter than we are. If, for some reason, the Department of Army cannot accept a deed or instrument of transfer that incorporates the provisions we request, then they should inform us. The State is certainly entitled to an answer and our request should not be ignored.

The National Guard of Arizona and Headquarters, Army Electronic Proving Ground, are both vitally interested in the outcome of this problem. We are in similar boats when the analysis is made. The Guard through the courtesy of you and the Chief, General O'Connell, is permitted to train at Fort Huachuca. As you point out, through our courtesy you are using the Artillery Range.

This set up is no good. It prevents you from firing your program, and it prevents us from looking ahead even one year. You have a mission and I have one, but both of us are stymied as to successful completion.

General Lenzner 23 April 1957

The only reason, and you must believe me, that the letter to Secretary of the Army was ever mailed to him, was to bring this problem out into the open and into his hands. The State was getting nowhere dealing with local level negotiators of District Engineer. We wish an answer as much as you do, perhaps more, because attempts were made to make it appear we would not cooperate, which is definitely not true.

This particular street we are on runs in both directions and we desire it to remain so. I am sure the Corps of Engineers, US Army, can, if the desire is there, come up with a paper that will be agreeable to all concerned.

If you recall at one of our conferences we suggested an area could set aside in southwest portion of the Artillery Range for a permanent camp site for the National Guard. A counter proposal by your staff that land between areas 7 and 13 and area 10 would be more economical in regards to construction costs, should be favored as it would lend itself admirably to what was termed mobilization training site, was agreed upon.

During recent visit to Washington, Chief, National Guard Bureau, again advised me it would be contrary to Department of Army policy to expend National Guard Bureau funds for construction of facilities such as we envisaged on an active army installation, unless land was in name of using state. To secure Bureau funds for construction it appears we may have to use part of the Artillery Range.

I am sorry to have taken up so much of your time in transmitting this lengthy epistle, but the whole story is here. I knew of no way whereby I could shorten it.

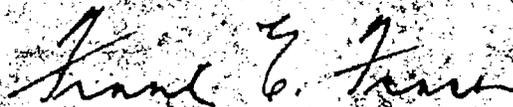
Perhaps during the visit of Secretary of Army to your command the opportunity may come up where this matter could be discussed.

Every effort will be made to discuss this vexing problem with you at an early date, just when I do not know, but will do my best to make it as soon as possible.

General Lenzner 23 April 1957

Again I assure you there was never an intent to place you  
in an embarrassing position.

Sincerely,



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The Adjutant General

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