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April 23, 1957

Frank K. Fraser, Major General
The Adjutant General
State of Arizona
747 West Van Buren Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear General Fraser:

This office has received a Directive from the Department of the Army to acquire the remaining portion of the Fort Huachuca Artillery Range because of the expanding operations at the Fort Huachuca Army Electronic Proving Ground. We received on April 22nd information from the Chief of Engineer that the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has advised the Department of the Interior that there is no objection to withdrawal of public lands for the use of the Army Electronic Proving Ground at Fort Huachuca. Application has been made to the local office of the Bureau of Land Management for the withdrawal of the Public Domain portion of the Artillery Range.

It will be recalled that a Quitclaim Deed dated September 9, 1954 from the State of Arizona, acting by and through the Governor, to the United States of America, was executed covering approximately 4,000 acres of land within said Artillery Range. The action was done in accordance with House Bill No. 170 which was passed by the House of Representatives, 20th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session, effective March 13, 1952, which authorized the Governor to execute in behalf of the State, instruments of transfer of title to real and personal property at Fort Huachuca to the United States of America, said property being that conveyed to the State by various deeds when Fort Huachuca became surplus. There remains approximately 10,200 acres, more or less, of the referenced land which is now required to be conveyed to the United States. You are respectfully requested, therefore, through your good offices, to have the inclosed Quitclaim Deed executed by the Governor to effect the transfer of the remaining State land to the United States.

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It is realized that there has been some concern as to whether the Arizona National Guard would be assured of a permanent training area at Fort Huachuca. It is our understanding that you are presently arranging a meeting with General Lemmer at Fort Huachuca to establish a permanent field training site for the National Guard. This arrangement has been approved by the Army at the Washington

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level through the Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

The inclosed Deed includes the remaining tracts of State land within the Artillery Range except the School lands and negotiations between the State Land Department and the Bureau of Land Management are presently in progress for the exchange of these School lands for other Public Domain lands.

Your kind cooperation in having the inclosed Deed executed at your earliest convenience will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

S. C. FARRINGTON
Assistant Area Engineer
for Real Estate

1 Incl:
Quitclaim Deed (quint)

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