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Dear Carl:

Dan Garvey told me last week that his information was that the army was seriously considering reactivation of Fort Huachuca and that his advice led him to the belief that it was to be a tank training center. I know that the Sixth Corps had a group of officers in Fort Huachuca two weeks ago and my round-about advice is that the higher command at Corps Area Headquarters felt that Fort Huachuca should be activated.

It seems that we are to have a much larger army and that it will be trained in the continental U. S. rather than in Germany or Japan. When the army decided some years ago to maintain certain posts and abandon others, my advice from official sources was that eleven posts were to be maintained and Huachuca was thirteenth on the list. Surely no better area for the training of ground troops could be found anywhere in the country. The water supply is ample. They have natural gas, Colorado River power is at Tucson and available for Huachuca. The housing situation is not good since many of the houses have been robbed of all the usual facilities, and the utilities have been practically given away. The fact remains, however, that Huachuca can be activated in very short order and can be set up for two divisions in a very few months.

I hope that when the army starts talking about appropriations that you will find it convenient to insist rather strenuously on the establishment of a training area at Fort Huachuca for the reactivation of the post. I am very sure that while they are asking for money, they are in better shape for a favorable decision on this matter than at any other time.

I would like to see Huachuca set up as a permanent post and I think that all of the improvements put there should be of

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a permanent ~~matter~~. This is the first time since the war closed that the army is inclined to look with favor on this matter.

I do not have Gus Michaels available to send into Washington to do a lot of leg work for you, but if you need someone of his type, please let me know and I think we could provide such a man.

My very best to you and to Mrs. Hayden, as well as to Paul.

Sincerely



Folsom Moore

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