

April 1, 1953

Honorable Carl Hayden

United States Senate

Dear Senator Hayden:

You will recall, I am sure, during our recent conference, wherein the reasons necessitating the inactivation of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, were explained to you and other members of the Arizona Delegation, certain questions were asked and for which I agreed to obtain the answers. I have now received the information desired and am happy to furnish it to you at this time.

Since Fort Huachuca's reactivation, as a result of the Korean situation, approximately 10,000 troops have been trained at that installation, primarily members of engineer aviation battalions. There have been no major troop movements into this station for six months and no movement of units into the post during the past two months.

The recent cut of approximately \$89 million in the Army's maintenance and operation funds represented about ten percent of the appropriation originally requested.

Fort Huachuca would be reactivated only in the event of increased troop strength or the redeployment of our present strength which would result in a substantial increase in the number of personnel stationed in the continental United States.

Your very deep and continued interest and the interest of the citizens of Arizona in Fort Huachuca is sincerely appreciated, and I trust the above information and the information furnished you during our conference will enable you to fully understand the reasons necessitating the inactivation of Fort Huachuca. Should you desire additional information, however, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

MILES REBER
Major General, GS
Chief of Legislative
Liaison

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April 9, 1953

Mr. Folsom Moore
c/o Bisbee Daily Review
Bisbee, Arizona

Dear Jack:

Received your letter this morning and have just talked to a friend of mine who knows his way around in the Pentagon who says that it is true that the Signal Corps has expressed a desire to locate some of its activities at Fort Huachuca and that the General Staff has directed that the proposal be made definite by putting it down on paper.

I was further told that if there was involved any expansion of the work of the Signal Corps, there was no chance of approval under the present Budget restrictions but that a transfer of persons from some other station might be given consideration. I have a promise that I will be advised as to what happens.

Yours as ever,

Tom Young

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BISBEE, ARIZONA

April 7th
1953

Dear Carl:

I am attaching copy of a letter from Goldwater to a man here in Bisbee regarding the closing of Fort Huachuca. I am sending this letter and the enclosed clippings because I saw a letter from you saying that when Goldwater returned to Washington, the two of you were going to the Pentagon to find the exact status. Better leave Goldwater behind.

I do not believe that Huachuca was "opened because of politics", other than that you expressed an interest in the Fort. I am sure that it would have been closed last fall because General Swing definitely desired its closing; and I know that President Truman definitely ordered its retention.

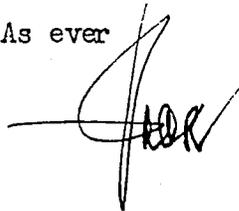
But let's forget this boy's fuming.

I get from reasonably good authority that the Signal Corps is definitely interested in settling in Fort Huachuca. Perhaps there is nothing to it; I know that the letter I saw is from the right source, and I know that they have definitely requested transfer of Ft. Huachuca to that Corps.

If you have a chance to check this, please let me know.

My best to Mrs. Hayden

As ever

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

WMA BRYAN, CHIEF CLERK
A. LEE PARSONS, ASST. CLERK

March 23, 1953

Mr. A. F. Rosen
Southwest Motor Company
Box 3177
Lowell, Arizona

Dear Fred:

You know my feeling about Fort Huachuca. I expressed it many times during the campaign and for any newspaper to infer that the Arizona delegation did not oppose this closing is not telling the truth. All of us have been actively interested in this situation for many months and we have worked constantly to see if there wasn't some way that this place might be retained. Believe me when I tell you that Fort Huachuca was closed for economy purposes and I will have complete data on that in a few days, which I will use if and when the time seems proper.

I might say to you here that Fort Huachuca was opened because of politics and it would have been closed last fall had not President Truman ordered its retention in an effort to save a certain candidate's political life. One of the things that I abhorred during the whole campaign was the fact that the people of Cochise County were not being told the truth about the real status of Fort Huachuca. The Army is faced with the necessity of closing about six more of these camps and I can assure you that it's being done only in the interest of economy and that's the thing that we stressed all through the campaign. We can't ask that economy be practiced every place else but at home, and I think you'll agree with me on that.

My best regards to Gertrude and the children.

Sincerely,

Barry

Barry Goldwater

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Governor
To Reconvene
Legislature

PHOENIX, April 6 (AP)—Gov. How-
are Pyle called on the people to-
night to keep after the legislature
until it solves "our multiple prob-
lems of taxation," foremost of
which is his plan to revalue all
state property.

Although he set no date, the
governor made it plain he intends
to call the lawmakers back into
special session.

Speaking over a 26-station radio
network, Pyle criticized failure of
the legislature to pass either the
land revaluation bill or a measure
to enact a state personnel depart-
ment.

"Twice I have come to you with
a specific and comprehensive pro-
gram," he said.

In November you supported that
program by an overwhelming vote.
With your support we must pursue
that program in the legislature un-
til it is enacted.

The property revaluation measure
passed the Senate but was defeated
in the House of Representatives.
The personnel bill cleared the house
but was never brought out for
Senate consideration.

Pyle praised the lawmakers for
other work, however. He said they
achieved "the first sweeping mod-
ernization of Arizona's government
since statehood."

He referred to new laws creating
departments of law, finance and
public schools and to two of four
proposed constitutional amend-
ments that will be on a Sept. 29
election.

amendments would abolish
average daily attendance basis
partitioning school funds and
the State Senate to 28 mem-
bers from each county, and
state membership at 80.

nor urged Arizonans not
to let rumors being circulated
of the finance de-
partment.

If you sign such a
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April 12th
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Dear Carl:

Since writing you on the 7th, I have been checking several sources regarding Ft. Huachuca and the Signal Corps. You will remember that I have been in Phoenix almost constantly since the first of the year, so I lost connection with many sources of information. Hence I have not kept you advised.

During the past two months the Signal Corps has spent several trips, long hours and continuous labor checking Huachuca. At the present time they are based in Fort Monmouth, N. J., on restricted area, at Camp Gordon, Ga., and at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, on ground leased from the California National Guard.

Their activities have expanded from the usual Tactical group to (1) Air Section and (2) Electronic Warfare, guided missiles, etc.

On the last of these trips to Huachuca the group was headed by Maj. Gen. O'Connell accompanied by Brg. Gen. Willis and four Colonels, including Col. Corr, Colonel Gonsenath and Colonel Lyman. Usual trips by higher army brass means that they give a casual glance at facilities on the Fort, then want a car for trips to Tombstone, Tucson and Old Mexico. I do not believe that General Swing has spent more than 12 hours on the post at any time; generally he has arranged a hunting trip into Old Mexico some days ahead of his arrival.

But this group of Signal Corps officers spent all their time on the post, working long hours and putting on to paper the things they found there. I am told that to civilians their comments were few, other than that the place was ideal for what the Signal Corps wanted. From officers on the post we learn nothing; all are definitely afraid of Swing, and will not tell us anything if they know anything.

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