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Dear Carl:

I spent Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Bisbee. Saturday morning I went to Ft. Huachuca and spent two hours with General Lenzner and Col. Cook. General Lenzner is coming into Washington next Friday and will spend several days with Signal Corps and Army officials at the Pentagon regarding the immediate needs at Huachuca.

His first concern is what shall the personnel do after 4:30 p. m. each afternoon. He has been told that no funds are available for recreational activities, but finds that McNeil, the Comptroller in Secretary Wilson's office, has some \$15 million dollars at present not allocated for "Health, Welfare and Morale". He relies strongly on the fact that Huachuca at present does not conform with Army regulations covering that item, and is asking the Army for about \$918,000 for a Field House, bowling alleys, Stadium, Service Clubs, Craft Shop and a Post Chapel. Col Robert B. Miller has the plans in the Signal Corps office, and knows all the details. I am sure that if you asked Col. Miller to come to your office, that he will produce the plans as now developed. You know better than most people the necessity for this kind of improvement that the personnel may be better occupied on the Post than in Nogales, Naco or Agua Prieta.

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Lenzner is asking for the expenditure of about \$11, million dollars in next year's budget for improved landing strips additional warehouses, railroad tracking, additional power facilities, etc. Plans covering this will be in Washington by April 1st, and I am sure that you can obtain full information from Colonel Miller or General Lanzner. There is no waste in the plans, as I am sure you will agree when you have seen the plans.

There is full five year plan under preparation but the two items above are the most urgent at present.

Lenzner hopes to have title to the Fort by the first of the month, and wants to go after Wherry housing with all the energy at his command. He says that he simply must have housing to obtain the civilian assistance absolutely necessary for the full activation of the Fort.

All of this requires a lot of financing. Lenzner knows where the funds should come from, but must depend on you to get the

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funds allocated and appropriated. He was Chief Signal Officer for Ridgeway when Ridgeway was in the Far East and feels that Ridgeway will trust his judgment on most matters. He may need some protection, but I have told him that he could talk frankly with you, and with the knowledge that he will not be placed in an awkward position with his superior officers. He is a very frank man, fully advised regarding what the Signal Corps is doing and what it is supposed to do. I hope that you will find time to spend perhaps two hours with him before he returns to Arizona.

This is the biggest thing that has happened to Arizona in many days, and I hope that you can spare sufficient time to get a full grasp on what is absolutely needed.

My best to you and to Mrs. Hayden.

Sincerely,


Folsom Moore