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P e r s o n a l

Dear Carl:

I spent yesterday at Ft. Huachuca. The progress in the building program is astounding. Before this time next year about all the personnel should be established on the Post, and the first increment of the Technical Building should be well under way. It seems that some additional money must be had to contract the two Barracks now authorized and for which appropriation has been ~~made~~ made. One of these days we will be rid of the so-called "remote" charge which is made for building out there.

Early next week you will be visited by Generals O'Connell, Lenzner and Nelson. It is a courtesy visit to acquaint you with General Nelson, the new Commanding General. This gives you an opportunity to have a good heart-to-heart talk with General O'Connell regarding the situation at Huachuca. And I wish that you would excuse both Lenzner and Nelson after the amenities, and have such a talk with O'Connell.

First, let me say that it was largely due to the efforts of General O'Connell that the Signal Corps took over Ft. Huachuca. Four Generals were in on the decision. One of the Generals was strictly opposed to Huachuca, the Chief Signal Officer was not too interested, since he was retiring shortly. So O'Connell took the argument and put over the placing of the Electronic Proving Ground at Ft. Huachuca. He is still a strong supporter of Huachuca. So, please do not think that I want to see him over ridden in any way

Rather do I think you should lay the facts clearly before him regarding the need of a General Officer to care for the Technical Program.

Some \$23,000,000 is scheduled for contract by Ft. Huachuca in the Technical Program in 1957. At least \$30,000,000 is scheduled for 1958.

These contracts are negotiated at Ft. Huachuca, with the larger companies in the United States, and with those schools designated by the Commanding Generals at Ft. Huachuca with the consent of the Chief Signal Officer.

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Men who represent these larger companies are always vice-presidents, in some case the president, but never less than the vice president. They bring staffs with them and spend the necessary time for a successful consummation of the contract.

Until recently, General Lenzner handled all these matters for the Signal Corps. When the construction program assumed its present heavy schedule, the Chief Signal Officer assigned a Brigadier General to handle the Technical work, under the direction of General Lenzner, thus giving Lenzner time to oversee the construction program, as well as a cursory overseeing of the Technical program.

I do not know just what goes on in the Technical program - that is far over my depth. But I do know that General Nelson is going to have his hands very full indeed with the construction program already under way. And I am very sure that the Technical program will suffer most severely if General O'Connell does not have a General Officer here in charge of the Technical end.

The Signal Corps has five Major Generals and fifteen Brigadier Generals. Both General Cook and General Thames are fully apprised of what is being done in the Technical program at Ft. Huachuca. I am sure that either would be most happy to be assigned to that Post.

But I do not believe that we should want to tell General O'Connell what man should be placed in charge of the Technical program at Huachuca.

I do believe that we should bring these matters to his attention and insist strongly that he assign a General Officer to handle the Technical program at Huachuca. And I hope that when you have greeted the three Generals, that you will ask General O'Connell to stay on for sufficient time for a heart-to-heart talk along these lines.

Such action on his part will assure the success of the Technical program here. For some reason unknown to me, a vice-president of a company feels that he should deal with General Officers rather than with Colonels. And vice Presidents will agree to terms more readily and with less delay if they are discussing these matters with a General Officer. I believe that General O'Connell knows that to be true.

I am sure that General Taylor knows the necessity for a General Officer being in charge of the Technical program, because when he was here some weeks ago, this matter was brought to his attention, and he acquiesced completely.

I know that General Nelson has asked General O'Connell to leave General Thames in charge of the Technical program here. I hardly think we can go that far, though I believe that General Thames is easily the best man for the job - next to Lenzner. But certainly we should insist most strenuously that General O'Connell assign a General Officer to head the Technical program at Huachuca.

The Field House is well under way, and should be occupied early in the fall. The Bachelors Officers Quarters building is well under way and will be ready for occupancy in September. Bids are being called for the first increment of the Technical Building this month. Negotiations are under way for the final increment of Capehart housing - the 297 houses for civilian employes. Probably \$100,000 additional must be obtained for the first two Barracks, due to a change in Barracks specifications and even more to the "remote" provision now enforced by the unions. My hope is that we shall be able to remove that "remote" thing, and I am getting help from John Durkin on that.

I know you are very busy just now. But this decision of General O'Connell could slow up progress at Huachuca and I hope that you will agree with me that it is worth a good heart-to-heart talk with him.

Please give my best to Mrs Hayden. And remember me to Paul and to Bob.

As ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jack', written over a horizontal line.