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Dear Carl:

The Commanding Officer at Fort Huachuca has now reviewed the program of MCA Construction submitted by Test and Evaluation Command to ~~Me~~ their headquarters for submission to Department of Army. A copy is attached.

Carl, this is a disgrace. Going back to FY 65, we were apportioned the new Hospital and Medical complex. This is now under construction and will be complete in June of this year.

In FY 66 we were given a 40 man BOQ, but this has been held up until now. It is destined for a call for bids next month.

In FY 67 we were given another 40 man BOQ, but no word is available as to when the money may be available - as of now there is nothing.

In FY 68 we are told that nothing is to be appropriated in the MCA program at Fort Huachuca.

This is what the Army thinks of Fort Huachuca.

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Let me say that \$4 665 000 00 has been spent at Ft. Huachuca in FY 67. Of this, some \$3 200 000 00 came from MCA money, but none of this was authorized for Ft. Huachuca by Congress.

Altogether, \$4 665 000 00 has been spent on construction and remodeling by the Army for the Army Training Base Expansion Program. This was shown you when you were on the Post in December. But not one dime was shown the Congress as designated for Ft. Huachuca.

Some \$1, 200 000 00 came from Operation and Maintenance funds of the Continental Army and 6th Army. It was mostly O&M funds originally designated for Europe and Asia.

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and was originally scheduled for FY ~~68~~ 68, but has now been pushed back to FY 70. It is badly needed, and should be under construction before the end of ~~this~~ this year.

As I told you in Phoenix in December, this is the one item that I want more than any other - it will definitely cinch the permanent life of Fort Huachuca. The Combat Surveillance School has the solid support of General Johnson, Chief of Staff of the Army, of General Freeman, Commanding General of the Continental Army and of General Richardson, the Commanding General of the 6th Army. If you called any of them to testify as to the great need for this building, you will find them most cooperative.

Erection of the Academic Building will do more to assure the permanence of Fort Huachuca than any other thing that can be ~~done~~ done.

4. Hangar, Combat Surveillance School \$607 000 00

When you were at Ft. Huachuca in December, Col. Via took you first to the Hangar which is assigned to him temporarily; he is now forced to keep only his highly classified aircraft and accessories there, others must be put out in the weather. This is vitally necessary in the operations of the Combat Surveillance School, which is growing very fast.

5. 5 Barrack Complex \$7, 188 000 00

This is the installation about which General Richardson was talking when he brought you to Fort Huachuca in December. As I told you, my urgent and only request is for the Academic Building, since my urge is something that will definitely tie Fort Huachuca down so that it cannot be abandoned. But I realize that General Richardson is right in feeling that the Barracks Complex is most urgently needed.

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Carl, I know that you are thinking that I am out of my mind to request that you get all of this in one year. But, let me remind you that nothing has been had from Congress for the last two years, and that the Army now proposes that we go another year without Congress authorized construction. And, let me remind you that I am not going to be around too much longer; surely I would like to see this construction under way that we might catch up with the time lost.

Cannot you arrange this program for authorization and appropriation at this session of Congress?

I shall be sending you detailed requests sent to the Army supporting each of these items. You ~~have the~~

I am asking that you arrange for inclusion on the FY 68 MCA Program, and for Authorization and Appropriation, the following items:

1. The Water Conservation Project \$281 250 00

This was outlined to you in my letter dated February 24th, and will permit the Engineers to change water supplies now being used to supply a restricted irrigation supply for lawns and potable uses, until such time as the requested "Water Supply, Canyons" is available.

2. Water Development, Canyons, \$1, 197 000 00

You were shown this Project some four or five years ago, the year that the survey by the USGS was completed. To their proposal was added a request for five test wells and pumping facilities in the Babocomari water shed, and provision for ~~xxxx~~ two test wells in the San Pedro water shed in the Artillery Range area. Old time well drillers tell me that the Babocomari water shed will develop all the water that will ever be needed for Ft. Huachuca.

As you know, Sierra Vista draws water from the same water shed now furnishing water to Fort Huachuca. Some 100 new residences are under construction now in Sierra Vista, and an additional 300 residences are to begin construction in the next thirty days.

Water just must be supplied, not only to Ft. Huachuca but also to the residences in Sierra Vista. The draw down in that water basin is increasing each year. Population on the Post and in Sierra Vista is growing rapidly. New sources of water must be developed - and they cannot wait any longer. The USGS says that their plan will provide the water now needed - I am sure that the Babocomari water basin will supply all the water needed.

3. Academic Building (USACSS/TC) \$4. 109 000 00

This building will relieve the terrific scattering now interfering with the efficient operation of the Combat Surveillance School, and will release the buildings now being used for further growth of the School. I shall send you in the next few days a detailed form as submitted to the Army by the Command at Ft. Huachuca.

This construction has been planned by the higher Army Command for two or more years,

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material on the "Water Conservation Project" which I sent you on February 24th. I shall send you the detail on the "Water Development, Canyons" in the next few days. And I shall send you the detail on the other three items some time next week.

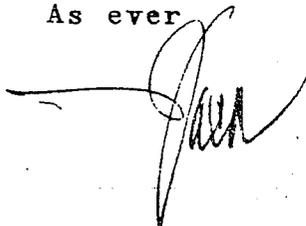
The water items are absolutely necessary right now. The "Academic Building" is my pet project because it definitely assures the permanence of Fort Huachuca.

Frankly, I believe that the Army is playing a waiting game, feeling that I will be gone and that you will grow tired of the work incident to Senatorial duties and decide to step aside. Then they can do what they want.

Give my best to Roy, and take very good care of your health.

My very best to you

As ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.