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MEMORANDUM FOR SENATOR HAYDEN

Re: Water Development Program for Ft. Huachuca

Meeting, March 20, 1967. Mr. Sam Sage, Deputy Post Engineer and two officials from Army Materiel Command met with Roy Elson to discuss need for authorization of this project as soon as possible (per Jack Moore's request). Sage indicated the \$1,197,000 project will be earmarked for the FY 1969 Military Construction Program. The AMC officials felt their command would set a high priority on the project for next year and felt fairly certain that the Department of the Army, DOD, and the Bureau of the Budget would concur.

Sage further remarked that when the project was first proposed in 1965, it was estimated that Ft. Huachuca would face a critical water shortage by 1970. Ft. Huachuca has experienced a buildup not foreseen in 1965, especially with the 6,000 new troops added last year and with the transfer of the Strategic Communications Command this year. Therefore, with this increased demand, Sage feels that it is absolutely a must to have the water project be authorized and funded in the FY 1969 MCA program.

There are no funds in the FY 1968 MCA requests for Ft. Huachuca. Since the AMC officials hedged on whether the Army would definitely ask for the money in next year's budget, you may wish to have questions asked at this year's appropriation hearings on the priority to be given the project in the immediate future.

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