

FOLSOM MOORE
BISBEE, ARIZONA
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Dear Carl:

The second most important item in the Military Construction bill, now before Congress, and applicable to Fort Huachuca, is the \$6 870 000 for the three EM Barrackx Complex. I told you when I visited you in the Hospital at Phoenix that I was most anxious that eight new Barrack buildings be included in the 1968 Military Construction bill, and that I had been assured that a five Barrack building with component buildings would be asked by the Department of Defense. This was trimmed to a three man Barrack buildings request. Monday I told Roy that I was very hopeful that you could arrange for the three building complex to be raised to a five man building complex. Going over the matter with people fully competent to survey the immediate needs, I am earnestly requesting that you arrange that this item be increased to

\$9 101 000 for five EM Barrack building complex
Such action would increase the total for Fort Huachuca from \$10 226 000 to ~~\$11 257 000~~ - \$12 457 00.

This is urgently required to provide adequate troop housing for units permanently stationed at Fort Huachuca, now housed in temporary mobilization type barracks erected in 1942, located in areas remote from post activity facilities and certainly uneconomical to maintain, almost impossible to rearrange.

The original request was for five EM Barrack buildings (1630 spaces), supported by two mess halls, two administrative and supply buildings and other support facilities. This was reduced to three EM Barrack buildings with ~~978~~ 978 spaces supported by one mess hall, one administrative and supply building and support facilities.

Certainly it is uneconomical to reduce the number of Barrack buildings from five to three. The estimated cost for the five Barrack complex was \$2 900 per man compared to \$3 700 per man for the three ~~man~~ Barrack complex. Since a contractor would be able to construct the five Barrack complex at one time at a lesser cost than constructing them in increments, the differential in cost per man will be even greater if the two Barracks are deferred.

Frankly, it is hardly fair to troops permanently stationed at Fort Huachuca to live in Barracks far inferior and far older than the Barracks constructed at Fort Huachuca during the last seven years, modern with air conditioning and arranged for convenience and comfort rather than for temporary shelter.

The five Barrack complex will go a long way to providing adequate housing for permanent personnel at Fort Huachuca. It leaves some seven or eight other Barrack buildings for future construction, but only three of these are for the present permanent personnel.

With the plans now under consideration, additional troop housing will be required for training units. This is dependent on future training needs. The five Barrack complex which is requested in the 1969 Military Construction bill covers immediate and direct needs as of now.

Carl, I am very sure that increasing the troop housing to the five man Barrack building complex will do more to assure the absolute permanency of Fort Huachuca than any other one thing that could be done at present. I am an old man, I am tired, I want to see that Fort made a permanent installation. I know that you are equally or more interested in its permanence than am I.

So please see those in position to assure the building of the five Barrack complex, as well as the man who can prevent any delay after the MCA bill is passed, and assure its construction as the Congress plans.

I do not want to bother you too much, but this is the most important thing about which I know just now.

My best to you and to ~~Rxxx~~.Roy.

As ever

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Roy', written in a cursive style.

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Dear Carl:

Much study has been given to the information in your telegram to me dated February 21st, covering the items in the Military Construction bill, as regards Fort Huachuca. I want to discuss in particular three items in the bill, so am devoting three letters, each covering an item considered most important to the Fort.

First, is the item of \$1 846 000 covering water development.

I do not need tell you of the great importance of water development in Arizona - that is certainly the most important item in your program for this year. At Fort Huachuca it is of supreme importance.

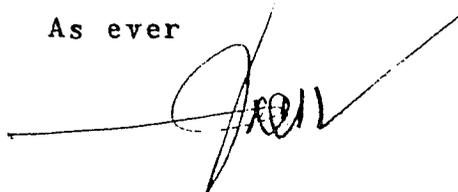
The population on the Fort Huachuca reservation is the largest in its history - more than 20 000, and it is growing. Plans now being made will materially increase that population, with ever increasing demands for an adequate water supply.

An exhaustive survey has been made by the Coast and Geodetic survey people, and the recommendations are in the proposed development. Personally, my interest lies more in the two test wells proposed in the Babocomari valley adjacent to the north gate of the Fort. Well drillers who have brought in many successful wells in that area tell me that this area will provide all the water that may be needed at Fort Huachuca. The dams provided by the C&G surveyors are alright, but I want a permanent water supply. The Engineer's office at STRATCOM headquarters are exploring further the reclaiming of water from the sewage runoff for irrigation purposes.

But, without a doubt, certainly the most important part of the bill before Congress is the \$1 486 000 for water development. ~~to~~ This, I request your constant and successful leadership and support.

My best to you

As ever



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Dear Carl:

The third item in the Military Construction bill now before Congress is the \$524 000 to build a 40-man BOQ at Fort Huachuca. To this should be added \$200 00 to provide completion of the BOQ authorized and appropriated for in FY 1966, the sum appropriated being \$320 000.

It is likely that a supplemental appropriation in the sum \$200 000 must be made to bring that BOQ back to the original 40-man status authorized.

This project was deferred by the Secretary of Defense in early FY 1966 and was released early in FY 1967. When released prices had increased necessitating redesign limiting the BOQ to 28 men. The project design was nearing completion in October, 1967, when the project was again deferred by the Secretary of Defense. Just recently the project has again been released, and opening of bids is now scheduled for April 1968 for a 24-man ~~BOQ~~ BOQ.

There is immediate need at Fort Huachuca for six BOQs; there are two. Single officer personnel must be housed at quarters off the Post, because there is not available housing for single officers on the Post. Much of the medical staff is unmarried as is most of the dental staff, the younger officers attached to the various activities are not married. Few of the officers assigned to the Training group are married, or do not bring their wives for the relatively short period they are assigned.

Colonel Kane, commanding the US Army Combat Surveillance School has addressed a letter to you through channels which should have reached you ere this, concerning housing and academic facilities of the School. He has a continuing flow of officer personnel in the training of pilots for the Mohawk Aviator Combat Surveillance Qualification Course. I am attaching tear sheets of stories sent to the Tucson Citizen by John Riddick, who is spending a month in Vietnam, regarding the pilots of these Mahawk planes trained at Fort Huachuca. They are qualified at Fort Russell and sent to Huachuca for further training in Combat Surveillance. Col. Kane has 14 planes, costing some \$1 750 000 each with the equipment, all of which are constantly in use, the pilots then leaving directly for Vietnam.

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The BOQ spaces are vitally needed at Fort Huachuca and delay in construction results in additional losses in BAQ (Basic Allowance for Quarters) which must be paid to officers who are forced to live off the Post, often at great distances from their duty stations.

Under no circumstances would I want to interfere in any way with the \$524 000 asked to build a 40-man BOQ in the FY 1969 Military Appropriation bill. This is very vitally needed.

But I am asking that you obtain a deficiency appropriation to raise the \$320 000 authorized and appropriated in FY 1966 to the \$520 000 needed to build the BOQ originally authorized for a 40-man BOQ.

It is silly to build a 24-man BOQ when there is a crying need for not only a 40-man BOQ, but for an additional three BOQs.

This should be attended to without delay that the April, 1968, call for bids may be delayed, pending the appropriation of the additional \$200 000.

I hate to trouble you with these items, but I believe that the only way you and I will be able to assure permanency to Fort Huachuca is that you arrange with those to whom is delegated these appropriations, that they shall be included - and to see that the man who can definitely assure further delays in the spending of appropriated funds arranges that no delay is imposed on the appropriated funds for Fort Huachuca this year.

My best to you and to Roy.

As ever

