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Dear Paul:

Since Carl is not going to be able to come to Cochise County I want to make a suggestion which I think is important. You people will be in Tucson on the 3rd. Why doesn't Carl wire Colonel W. F. Robinson, Commanding Officer at Fort Huachuca, and ask that Robinson and Major Raymond, the Construction Quartermaster, meet him in Tucson for a thirty minutes talk, bringing with them the program showing completions, WPA programs, etc.

Those fellows are really doing a very excellent job at the Post. Carl will remember that they prepared a four year program going into detail regarding every need. The work has been right along this four-year program and they are really knocking quite a hole in the program. A few days ago some army man was at the Post and asked Major Raymond whether he could use some of the WPA funds which had been allocated to other Posts but not used where allocated. Raymond told him that he could use \$300,000.00. I think that this money can be gotten merely by a little cooperation on Carl's part. Raymond can explain this to Carl in a very few minutes.

Colonel Robinson sent through channels certain definite recommendations. A copy was sent by Major Raymond direct to the Quartermaster General. Corps Area at San Antonio quibbled on punctuation and arrangement twice so Robinson merely filed the recommendation at Huachuca and forgot it. Recently your office asked about certain matters in Washington and the Quartermaster General referred to the recommendation which he had received from Raymond but investigation disclosed that the recommendations had never come out of Corps Area at San Antonio. I am also

sure that both Colonel Robinson and Major Raymond can give Carl some definite information on water needs and potential supply which will be of great assistance both with the General Staff and in Congress at the coming session.

These two fellows are very earnest regarding the development program. Raymond is head and shoulders above any other constructing quartermaster who has ever been at Huachuca. He has utilized the WPA money most judiciously and you would hardly recognize the Post so great has been the improvement since your last visit. If Carl can spend thirty minutes with these boys he will not only get a lot of information which will be of great value to him in the fight for water development but he will do an inestimable service in keeping up the morale of these two fine officers who are doing a job which is outstanding at Huachuca. Carl needs no one from Bisbee at this conference; in fact anyone from Bisbee would cause these boys to be a little hesitant. They will sit down with Carl and with you and unbosom themselves entirely, giving you the lowdown on every thing there. Incidentally--and this is extremely confidential, they have information through confidential army circles that the \$500,500.00 will never be spent at Huachuca. I think that Colonel Robinson will tell Carl that if Carl lets him know that his confidence will be fully protected.

All that development program hinges on water development. Carl cannot insist on the expenditures for hospital and barracks if high army officials insist that there is not enough water for present buildings. There is ample water in the strata which has been tapped at the air field; all that is needed is a sixteen inch well six hundred feet deep, pumping capacity, a four mile pipe line and sufficient storage capacity.

After Carl has talked to them, let him write me a letter giving me an outline of his thoughts and I will write a story and put it on the AP wire for state consumption. This will eliminate any political need for a visit to the Fort until next summer.

I know that a telegram from Carl will bring Robinson and Raymond to Tucson at any hour convenient to Carl and with all the information which is needed for such a conference.

My very best to both of you

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack", with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Phoenix, November 9, 1937

MEMO

I talked with Colonel Robinson and Major Raymond in Tucson, respecting Huachuca, and they gave me the attached book and map. I told them that I would talk to Harry Hopkins and General Seaman respecting water supply for Huachuca, and that I would see General Craig in an effort to retain Colonel Robinson at the Post for one year after next August.

We thank you Carl Hayden.

METAL MARKET
NEW YORK Aug. 18. (AP) Copper steady; electrolytic good; future 14.00; export 14.22 1/4. Lead, steady; spot New York \$50-55; East St. Louis, 53 1/2.

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TWO SECTIONS

BISBEE, ARIZONA, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 1937.

President Assures \$500,000 Huachuca Building Program

New Hospital, Living Quarters Will Be Constructed

HAYDEN PRAISED Senator Did Much of Work to Obtain Needed Cash

Fort Huachuca's fifty year old landmark hospital is to be replaced with a modern structure and accommodations for a medical corps of 32. New barracks for approximately 200 men will also be built by the government at the fort. Word reaching Bisbee yesterday afternoon from U. S. Senator Carl Hayden announced funds for the army post building program were made available by the president's signature to the army housing bill. The new construction is the reward of a three year battle by the local chamber of commerce assisted by Douglas, Nogales and Tucson.

Half million dollars will be expended on the housing facilities of the fort. Five hundred dollars will also be used to modernize the telephone system, officials of the chamber said.

Other Cities Thanked

Frank Bledsoe, who with County Supervisor Harlie Cox and Mayor Thomas E. Galford received telegrams from the president approving the approval of the bill, asked that this city be extended to southern Arizona municipalities who added their influence to secure the passage of the act. Senator Hayden was praised, most highly by the chamber of commerce president for the untiring efforts he put forth to have the funds for Fort Huachuca put back into the bill after they had been removed on several different occasions.

The army post near here is one of 15 military establishments in the United States, Hawaii and the Canal Zone which will benefit by the army housing appropriation. The bill carries authorization of expenditures to the amount of \$25,587,456. Exact figures apportioned to Fort Huachuca are \$500,500.

No intimation of when the actual construction would be started could be had last night. Officials of the chamber of commerce said it is believed work will get under way at once. Officers of the fort were jubilant, but gave no information relative to commencement of the work. They had gotten word of the signing of the bill by war department radio early in the afternoon.

Robinson Pleased

Col. William F. Robinson, Jr., commander of the Huachuca post, was quoted last night by his adjutant, Capt. R. G. McDonald, as being greatly pleased at the news of the new construction at this post. The improvements and additions were greatly needed. The new barracks will house a majority of the troops now housed under canvas.

Chairman Harlie Cox of the board of supervisors last night laid all credit for securing the appropriation to Senator Hayden. Cox said the new construction would have been lost to the fort had Hayden not made it almost a personal matter. At one point, when the house of representatives deleted Fort Huachuca from the list of those to be allotted a portion of the appropriation, the Arizona senator arose from his hospital bed and had the fort reinstated in the bill.