

MEMORANDUM BY SENATOR CARL HAYDEN FOR
MAJOR GENERAL R. T. NELSON, CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

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The following suggestions are based upon what I saw during
a recent visit to Fort Huachuca:

1. There is urgent need for a basement excavation under
the auditorium in Greely Hall (the Technical Building). The
estimate of the cost for this excavation is \$165,000, which should
be available to the Army at this time inasmuch as the contractor's
bid on the Technical Building is \$900,000 under the amount of the
final increment authorized for this project.

2. Water for Fort Huachuca is now acquired from deep wells
instead of from Garden Canyon. These wells are from 700 to 1,300
feet deep. An emergency request for \$165,000 to improve the water
distribution system at the Post should be promptly approved by the
Department of Defense so that this amount can be included in the
1961 Military Construction Authorization.

3. The Military Construction Program for fiscal year 1961
should also include funds for construction of a new runway 850
feet long and 150 feet wide to handle personnel and cargo planes.
Use of this runway will increase when the Electronic Environmental
Test Facility gets underway, and at the present time radar laden
aircraft have to be stationed at Davis-Monthan because of the poor
condition of Libby Army Air Field.

4. Being in an isolated area could make Fort Huachuca a
suitable site for a small nuclear power plant which would insure
continuous service now frequently interrupted by lightning damage
to the power line from Tucson. The firm demands at the Fort are
now 3,500 to 5,000 kilowatts.

5. In connection with the award of contracts for the
Electronic Environmental Test Facility may I suggest that given
equal quantities and equal qualities of services, the award properly
can be made to a team which proposes use of Arizona companies and
personnel.

Will look into it

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