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Hon. Bascom Giles
Commissioner, General Land Office
Austin, Texas

Re: A. G. 54-225
Civil Action 1560, Fort
Bliss Maneuver District,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the State has been made a party to the above numbered condemnation suit. We are enclosing a copy of the field notes. The United States attorney advises that the State owns several sections of this land. The Government is not condemning a fee interest but is only condemning a leasehold. The United States attorney tells us that the Government has been paying about 8 or 10 cents per acre for lease of land in this area. That appraisers are now looking over the property condemned and that he will report to me the value figures that they set.

We will appreciate it if you will check over the enclosed field notes and advise us what portion thereof is owned by the State, returning the field notes to us with your report. Also, we suggest that you study the leasehold values of the surface estate in the area in question so that we can determine whether or not the Government appraisers set a fair price.

Yours very truly,

J. Arthur Sandlin
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Assistant Attorney General

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August 2, 1954

Hon. J. Arthur Sandlin
Assistant Attorney General
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Re: A. G. 54-225
Civil Action 1560, Fort
Bliss Maneuver District,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of July 26, 1954, inquiring as to how much of the captioned land is owned by the State and requesting our evaluation of the leasehold.

We find that of the area contained within the field notes which accompanied your above letter, 27,480 acres are owned by the State as public school land. On land in this area, we have been receiving rents at the rate of 7 cents per acre.

We hope this is the information you requested; if we can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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FORT BLISS MANEUVER AREA, TEXAS

A tract of land situate in Block 79, Township 1; Block 79, Township 2; Block 78, Township 1; School Block 6; Block 78, Township 2; School Block 1; Block 77, Township 1, and School Block 5, all in Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey, El Paso County, Texas, being bounded on the West by the East line of Fort Bliss, on the North by the Texas-New Mexico State line, on the East by the El Paso-Hudspeth County line, on the South by the North right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 4, Block 79, Township 1, T. & P. Ry. Co. Survey, El Paso County, Texas; thence East along the North lines of Sections 4, 3, 2 and 1, Block 79, Township 1, and a distance of 4 miles to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Block 79, Township 1, and the Northwest corner of Section 6, Block 78, Township 1; thence continuing East along the North line of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, Block 78, Township 1, a distance of 6 miles to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Block 78, Township 1, and the Northwest corner of Section 6, School Block 1; thence continuing East along the North line of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, School Block 1, a distance of 6 miles to the Northeast corner of Section 1, School Block 1; thence South along the East line of Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24, a distance of 4 miles to the Southeast corner of Section 24, School Block 1 and the Northeast corner of Section 1, Block 77, Township 1; thence continuing South along the East line of Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24, a distance of 4 miles to the Southeast corner

of Section 24, Block 77, Township 1 and the Northeast corner of Section 1, School Block 5; thence continuing South along the East line of Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24, a distance of 4 miles to the Southeast corner of Section 24, School Block 5; thence in a northwesterly direction along the North right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 across Sections 24, 23 and 22, School Block 5; thence in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 across Sections 21, 20 and 19, School Block 5; thence continuing in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of Way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 across Sections 24 and 23, School Block 6; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the North right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 across Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Block 78, Township 2; thence continuing in a Southwesterly direction along the North right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 62 across Sections 25, 26, 35, 34 and 33, a total distance of 16.4 miles, more or less, to the point of intersection of the North right of way of U. S. Highway No. 62 with the West line of Section 33, Block 79, Township 2; thence North along the West line of Sections 33, 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, a distance of 5.4 miles, more or less, to the Northwest corner of Section 4, Block 79, Township 2 and the Southwest corner of Section 45, Block 79, Township 1; thence continuing North along the West line of Sections 45, 40, 33, 28, 21, 16, 9 and 4, a distance of 8 miles, to the Northwest corner of Section 4, Block 79, Township 1 and the point of beginning.

Notice--Condemnation Suit

A. G. 54-225
Civil Action 1560
Fort Bliss Maneuver
District-ElPaso
Envolving some 27,480 acres of State
Lands.