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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION-ELEVENTH DISTRICT

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BERKELEY 1, CALIFORNIA

January 24, 1949

War Assets Administration
Office of Real Property Disposal
1000 Geary Street
San Francisco 9, California

Attention: J. Wayne Harrop, Chief
Non-Industrial Division

Gentlemen:

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WA Calif 270
FCA 11-73

Custody and accountability are hereby accepted as of
January 24, 1949, for 3775.25 acres comprising the por-
tion of the Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation assigned
to us in your letter of August 23, 1948.

Yours very truly,

C. M. Andrews
Vice President
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation

Schwarck
cc C. H. McClain
Accounting Division
Hunter-Liggett Assignment Folder
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FEDERAL LAND BANK OF B ELEY

MEMORANDUM •

TO: W. C. Dean
 FROM: George Hutchinson

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 Project Assignment
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DATE: November 3, 1949

Subject: Status of Projects Being Disposed of by
 Surplus Property Disposal Division as of
 November 1, 1949

We are informed through SPD Letter 104 which quotes a letter from the General Services Administration as follows: "In order to expedite the disposal of surplus real property which has been assigned to your Agency for disposal and to aid in completing the disposal of all property by December 31, 1949, the Farm Credit Administration is hereby authorized, when in its opinion it is in the best interest of the Government to do so and otherwise within the delegated approval authority now existing, (a) to accept the best offer obtainable for surplus real property regardless of its percentage of fair value; and (b) to accept offer from State, local Governments and instrumentalities as priority applicants, without advertising in cases in which notice of availability has been given to Federal agencies."

This is the first intimation that we have had concerning the policy of completing the work in the Surplus Property Disposal Division as soon as possible. In view of this situation, I am furnishing you with the status of the various projects which we have for disposal as follows:

Hunter-Liggett
 Military Res.

12 tracts, 3,975.25 acres. Sale of 8 tracts under priorities have been completed. The remaining 4 tracts have been advertised for non-priority sale and offers have been received on all. These offers are below the Fair Value and have been submitted to our Washington Office for approval to sell at the bid price. We should completely close out this project by November 15, 1949.

Santa Maria Army
 Airfield

4 tracts, 550 acres. Advertised for disposal to Priorities 1 and 2. Negotiations being carried on with the County of Santa Barbara for acquirement of these 4 tracts to be used as an addition to the present airfield which is adjacent thereto and was obtained from the Government under special legislation covering disposal of airfields.

We submitted the application of the County of Santa Barbara to the War Assets Administration Office through Mr. McClain for their action on October 4, 1949. Follow-up letter to Mr. McClain on this case was sent on November 2, 1949.

If this application is approved, we will be able to completely close out this project by December 1, 1949 or before. If it is

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From: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District
 To: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California
 Subj: Joint use of Impact area at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation; request for
 Ref: (a) Conference between Navy representatives and G-4 section Sixth Army on 13 Aug 1956

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1. Pursuant to permission granted during reference (a) a field trip was made to the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Inspection of the area indicated that the impact areas of Stoney Valley and Long Valley would be ideal for Navy purposes. The use of these areas would be confined to proficiency strafing, rocket and possible loft bombing. It is the intention to use the targets to test the accuracy of the pilots after they have completed the various phases of the weapons training.

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2. Approval of the Deputy Post Commander at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation was obtained for the joint use of the areas subject to Commanding General, Sixth Army concurrence. It was tentatively understood that the use would be on a month to month basis subject to the training requirements of the Army.

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3. Since the requirement for the joint use of the areas for the targets will be for an indefinite time over a period of years, a license for the joint use of Long Valley and Stoney Valley within the confines of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation is requested.

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4. Availability of the targets by 1 November 1956 would be appreciated. Should further conference with Navy representatives be desired a meeting will be arranged at your convenience.

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JOHN R. REDMAN

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**HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

AMENG-I 602.3/HLMR/9607

13 November 1956

**SUBJECT: Request for Joint Use of Impact Area at Hunter Liggett
Military Reservation**

**TO: Commandant
Twelfth Naval District
Federal Office Building
San Francisco 2, California**

1. Reference is made to letter, ND12-44D:CDK:HR, Serial 13122, your headquarters, 12 September 1956, subject: "Request for Joint Use of Impact Area at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation."

2. Subsequent to the conference of 13 August 1956 referred to in your 12 September 1956 letter, between representatives of your headquarters and this headquarters, the Commanding General Continental Army Command, imposed certain restrictions upon this headquarters with respect to the use of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

3. As a result of the restrictions and more recent developments in connection with future Army activities to be conducted at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, your request has been referred to the Commanding General, Continental Army Command. Accordingly, a firm commitment regarding the possible future use of the reservation by the Navy must be held in abeyance pending receipt of reply from the Commanding General, Continental Army Command.

4. This letter confirms telephone conversation between Mr. Koerner, your headquarters and Mr. W. B. Shawler, Engineer Section, this headquarters, on 31 October 1956.

Walter J. Muller

**WALTER J. MULLER
Major General, USA
Deputy Commanding General**

AMENG-I 602.3/HLMR/930

26 January 1957

**SUBJECT: Request for Joint Use of Impact Area at Hunter Liggett
Military Reservation**

**TO: Commandant
Twelfth Naval District
Federal Office Building
San Francisco 2, California**

1. Reference is made to letter, ND12-44D:CDK:HR, Serial 12122, your headquarters, 12 September 1956, subject: "Request for Joint Use of Impact Area at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation," and interim reply from this headquarters, AMENG-I 602.3/HLMR/9607, dated 13 November 1956.

2. By the cited interim reply your headquarters was advised that your request had been referred to the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, and that a firm commitment regarding possible future use of the reservation by the Navy must be held in abeyance pending receipt of reply therefrom.

3. This headquarters has now been advised by the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, that a long-term joint use agreement for impact areas of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation by the Navy is not acceptable and that such use would seriously retard the activities of the United States Army Combat Developments Experimentation Center recently established at Fort Ord. The major portion of the maneuver and testing phases of the United States Army Combat Developments Experimentation Center will, however, be conducted at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

4. In view of the decision of the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, which decision was concurred in by the Secretary of the Army, your request of 12 September 1956 cannot be granted.

ROBERT N. YOUNG
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
FLEET AIR ALAMEDA
U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

FF7-2/5010
Ser 33/ 1714

From: Commander Fleet Air Alameda
To: Commander Naval Air Bases, TWELFTH Naval District
Subj: Joint use of Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, Warning Area
R-285; request for
Ref: (a) COMFAIRALAMEDA ltr ser 35/6945 of 31 December 1958
(b) COMNAAS 1210 ltr ser 29 of 15 January 1959
Encl: (1) Chart of proposed aircraft operating areas

1. Reference (a) stated the urgent requirement of Commander Fleet Air Alameda for airspace in which to conduct realistically simulated strike missions by carrier aircraft. Reference (b) initiated a conference relative to joint use of Hunter Liggett Military Reservation (Restricted Area R-285) for this purpose. As a result of the conference, it was apparent that specific Navy requirements must be established prior to any agreement. Insofar as is practical without the accumulation of actual flight experience in the area, these requirements follow.

2. It is considered appropriate to reiterate the reasons for the strong Fleet Air Alameda interest in joint use of the R-285 area. For the purpose of training carrier attack pilots realistically in the tactical delivery of nuclear and conventional weapons, the R-285 area offers distinctive advantages over any other West Coast area. It more closely approximates in inland distance and terrain probable targets for naval carrier aircraft than do the inland desert areas now in use. Its location makes it ideally available for strike missions from the off-shore carrier operating areas, from the naval air stations in the San Francisco and San Diego areas, and from NAS Lemoore when activated. Low level access to the area from the coast appears practical through virtually uninhabited terrain. Joint use of the area may, in fact, prove of distinct value to the Army in accustoming troops to up-to-date aircraft tactics, for aircraft recognition purposes, for providing photographic coverage, and for possible special joint exercises on occasion.

3. Use of R-285 will be restricted to squadrons in their final phases of training, operating from carriers off the coast or from naval air stations. Delivery tactics will be as realistic as safety and public relations considerations permit. All missions will be

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conducted visually. Ideally, COMFAIRALAMEDA desires to conduct attacks with live ammunition, but as a practical matter intends to leave this subject for detailed discussion at such time as permission to fly in the airspace may have been granted and scheduling and control procedures worked out and tested in action. Use of the airspace without live drops will be of significant value. It is not considered desirable to prejudice any possible agreement with arguments as to ordnance safety or clean-up until experience with joint use has demonstrated the practicality of conducting Navy air operations in the area without interference to the Army.

4. Initially, then, Commander Fleet Air Alameda requests permission to conduct the following missions (in order of priority) with or without ordnance:

a. Nuclear weapon loft delivery. Attacks will be by single planes, either jet or propellor-driven (with an escort, for safety reasons), approaching from the coast at minimum altitude and high speed. Such attacks require airspace from the ground to approximately 15,000 feet altitude over the terrain.

b. Conventional weapon "armed reconnaissance". Such missions will consist of two to four jet or propellor aircraft searching out and identifying ground targets (tanks and observation posts already in place). Airspace from 15,000 feet altitude to the ground will be required. Until in the actual objective area, aircraft will operate above 4,000 feet altitude.

c. Conventional weapon coordinated attack. Such missions will consist of up to twenty aircraft, propellor and jet, approaching the objective area at 4,000 feet or above, to make one attack in a designated area. Airspace to 18,000 feet is required.

d. Nuclear weapon dive delivery. Attacks will be single plane, jet or propellor (with an escort). Approach will be at 18,000 to 35,000 feet altitude, and attacks completed above 12,000 feet altitude.

e. Photographic reconnaissance. Missions will be flown by jet aircraft, singly or in pairs, at altitudes from 5,000 to 35,000 feet.

Enclosure (1) shows flight routes presently under consideration for entry into the area. Flights over populated areas, schools, farms, etc., will be strictly avoided. For selected missions, a Navy mobile radar van on station in the objective area will be used to score the no-drop accuracy of the delivery.

5. Use of the area is desired year-round, from 30 minutes before

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sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. It is probable that peak demand will be for four one hour periods daily. Average demand will be two one hour periods three days a week. Operations will taxi toward peak periods when carriers are conducting their final pre-deployment training exercises. In general, operations will be of such a nature that requests can be originated well in advance.

6. COMFAIRALAMEDA is prepared to meet Army requirements for control of air traffic into the area. In support of such control arrangements, COMFAIRALAMEDA proposes the use of an airborne communication link to be supplied by the using carrier or squadron. Where additional support is appropriate, COMFAIRALAMEDA can supply a communications van in the objective area. Generally, COMFAIRALAMEDA proposes to request each mission by message or letter to the designated Army control agent, e.g.,

"REQ STONY VALLEY A4D LOFT MISSION 0630-0730 12 APR X MILPITAS VALLEY RECCO 4 AD ACFT 1100-1200 15 APR X STONY VALLEY STRIKE 8 A4D 8 AD 1100-1200 18 APR, ETC...

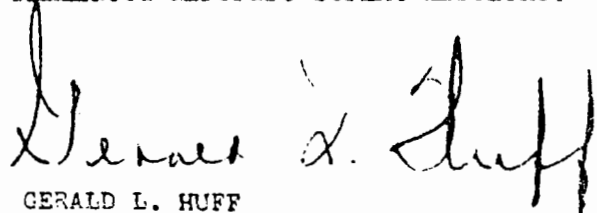
7. If joint use is approved, and when experience has proved its practicality, a proposal for the use of live ordnance is anticipated. It is desired that authority for such use be delegated to the local authorities on the 6th Army level or below. Appropriate support for the periodic clean-up of ordnance in the impact areas will be provided when such a proposal is implemented. Ordnance under consideration is:

- a. Nuclear weapon inert shapes (1200-2000 pounds) with or without marking charges (MK 4 Mod 2). Marking charge is a two ounce black powder cartridge.
- b. MK 76 miniature practice bombs (inert, weighing 25 pounds) with marking charges.
- c. 20mm aircraft training ammunition, ball.
- d. Sub-Calibre Aircraft Rockets (SCAR's) with solid heads and 2.75" aircraft rockets with plastic heads.
- e. Water/sand-filled bombs (100-1000 pounds) without marking charges.

Maximum errors expected are in the loft delivery of shapes. Drops as far as 5,000 feet from the aiming point are possible, although the circular error probable (CEP) will be 1,500 feet. Errors in conventional bombing, rockets, or strafing will be under 500 feet.

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8. In summary, as a result of the request contained in reference (a) for joint use of the Hunter Liggett air space, exploratory discussions have indicated that COMFAIRALAMEDA can, with assistance of 12ND, meet all Army requirements for joint use. Immediate access to the airspace will be of significant advantage to the Navy, even on a limited basis, and it is believed that experience will show that joint use will cause little interference. It is also probable that joint use can provide value in troop training and familiarization with aircraft operations. Accordingly, it is requested that COMNAES 12ND take appropriate action to obtain as early as possible a license for the joint use of the designated impact areas within the confines of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, warning area R-235, for simulated aircraft strike missions.



GERALD L. HUFF
Chief of Staff

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MAY 6 1959

From: Commander, Naval Air Bases, Twelfth Naval District
To: Commanding General, Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco
Via: Commandant, Twelfth Naval District

Subj: Request for Joint Use of ~~Hunter Liggett Impact Area~~ R-285;
development of

Ref: (a) CG 6TH Army ltr ser AMGCT-2 of 5 Feb 1959

Encl: (1) Copy of COMFAIRALAMEDA ltr ser 33/1714 of 29 Apr 1959

1. Reference (a) acknowledged the request of this command that a preliminary conference be held relative to the joint use of the Hunter Liggett Area. The resultant conference was held on 17 February 1959 at the Presidio of San Francisco. From this conference it was determined that the exact requirements of the Navy for this area would be submitted prior to actual negotiations.

2. The total Navy requirement may best be expressed as the maximum use of both airspace and land impact areas which can be afforded to the Navy and remain compatible with Sixth Army requirements. However, any degree of use of the airspace with or without associated land areas is considered to meet a part of this total requirement and is therefore highly desired. Specific requirements of the Navy in the Hunter Liggett Area are set forth in enclosure (1).

3. It is requested that the Commanding General, Sixth Army, review enclosure (1) and subsequently inform this command relative to the desired time and place of meeting of a working body of Sixth Army and Naval representatives to resolve operational procedures and, if appropriate, to formulate a proposed joint use agreement.

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BUREAU OF NAVAL AIRCRAFT

Subj: Request for Joint Use of Hunter Liggett Impact Area, R-285;
development of

4. In view of the existing Naval requirement, it is requested that early consideration be given the foregoing proposal.

B. T. McLEOD
Chief of Staff

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