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Miss Helen C. Phillips
146 Maple Avenue
Red Bank, New Jersey

Dear Miss Phillips:

Thank you for your letter of May 9th requesting two copies of the Act of Congress that authorized the acquisition of land for Fort Monmouth. The authorization consisted of two lines in the Army Appropriation Act of 1920 and read as follows:

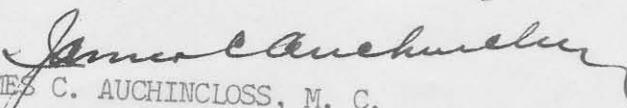
"To complete the Signal Corps Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey, and for the purchase of real estate, \$110,000."

As you see there was no separate Act and copies of the Army Appropriation Act of 1920 are no longer available. If you would like a photostat of this portion of it I can arrange to have a negative made from which you may have as many positives made as you want. I hope to hear from you again in this connection.

I don't know what you mean by my "pictures in the wheel chair." I have an electric scooter, called a "Personnel Carrier," that I use to go back and forth to the Capitol which saves time and effort, especially on days when I am back and forth between my office and the Capitol five or six times. I enclose a newspaper clipping of a picture taken in the underground corridor, and I may say I am the envy of my colleagues; two others have already bought them, following my example.

With best regards and looking forward to your further letter about the photostat, I am

Sincerely yours,


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