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use in preparing transfers to be executed at the Secretariat level. The forwarding correspondence will contain sufficient information for a full and complete understanding of the proposed transfer action, including an appraisal when reimbursement is required, together with other appropriate comments and recommendations.

§ 644.412 Transfer of custody and accountability.

The DE will transfer custody and accountability or will coordinate the transfer, as appropriate. The DE will collect any reimbursement and obtain any releases required. Where a leasehold is involved, the DE will furnish the transferee a copy of the lease and advice of the last rental paid and when the next rent is due. Upon completion of the transfer, proper notice will be given to the General Accounting Office, the lessor, and the Finance Officer as to the responsibility of the transferee for future rental payments. This action will be initiated or completed promptly upon receipt of a copy of the executed instrument, and a conformed copy thereof will be furnished to HQDA (DAEN-REP) WASH DC 20314.

§ 644.413 Exchanges of fee-owned land and easement interests.

The statutes identified in §§ 644.414 through 644.417 authorize the exchange of Government-owned lands and interests therein for private lands and lands owned by States, other non-Federal agencies, and their instrumentalities. As a general rule, any exchange of lands should be restricted to lands of approximately equal value. Where the Government property proposed for exchange has a value substantially in excess of the private land to be acquired, the question of whether the transaction is truly an exchange arises. In drafting relocation contracts, care must be exercised to insure that there is legal authority for execution of the conveyance or easement proposed.

§ 644.414 MCA acts.

The annual military construction authorization acts usually contain general authority for the acquisition, ''by donation, purchase, exchange of Government-owned lands, or otherwise,'' of lands and interests therein at specified installations or for specified military purposes. The annual acts must be examined to determine that specific authority exists to acquire land by exchange, unless a contemplated exchange falls within the scope of one of the special laws mentioned in §§ 644.415 through 644.419.

§ 644.415 Army military and Air Force lands—$50,000 limitation.

(a) 10 U.S.C. 2672 authorizes the Secretary of a military department to acquire land and interests in land, by gift, purchase, exchange of Government-owned land, or otherwise, that:

(1) The Secretary or his designee determines is needed in the interest of national defense, and

(2) Does not cost more than $50,000.

(b) 10 U.S.C. 2672a authorizes the Secretary of a military department to acquire any interest in land, including by exchange of Government-owned land, that:

(1) The Secretary or his designee determines is needed in the interest of national defense;

(2) Is required to maintain the operations integrity of a military installation; and

(3) Considerations of urgency do not permit the delay necessary to include the required acquisition in an annual Military Construction Authorization Act.

§ 644.416 Army civil works lands.

The Secretary of the Army is authorized to exchange lands acquired for river and harbor and flood control projects for privately-owned lands required for such purposes (33 U.S.C. 558b and 558b–1).

§ 644.417 For MCA family housing.

The Act of 1 September 1954, Pub. L. 765, 83rd Congress (68 Stat. 1119), as amended by section 415 of Pub. L. 968, 84th Congress, Act of 3 August 1956 (70 Stat. 1018) authorizes the acquisition of real estate by donation, purchase, exchange of Government-owned lands, or otherwise, for ''Military Construction-Army Family Housing at Military Installations and Facilities.''