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FROM: BRAC Commission

SUBJECT: Request Comment on ~~Fort Bliss (Net Fires Center)~~ related BRAC Recommendations

Below are listed four Fort Bliss (Net Fires Center) related topics identified during the Commission staff visit to Fort Bliss on 16 June 2005.

1. NET FIRES CENTER. Please indicate if the Air Defense School's (Fort Bliss) concept plan to implement the "Net Fires Center" recommendation is consistent with DOD's intent.

The Air Defense School (Fort Bliss) has indicated that it has completed a concept to create the future Net Fires Center and it has established a phased realignment plan to implement the recommendation. This plan will combine at Fort Sill, the Fort Bliss Air Defense Artillery Center and School with the Fort Sill Field Artillery Center and School. The Air Defense School's concept plan to implement the "Net Fires Center" recommendation is at Attachment A.

2. COBRA MANPOWER SAVINGS. Please comment on how the Army will attain the magnitude of cost savings from the formation of the Net Fires Center as is indicated in the COBRA calculations.

COBRA manpower savings indicates a savings between the Field Artillery and Air Defense schools of 507 military positions and 56 civilian positions. This was a data input into the COBRA Model based upon a "regression tool" used by the Army. The Air Defense School's initial analysis indicates that these cost savings may be overstated as their concept of the creation of a Net Fires Center will yield a savings of less than 100 military and civilian spaces combined between the FA and AD schools.

3. GERMAN AIR FORCE AIR DEFENSE CENTER (GAFADCEN). Please comment on the possible impacts on existing memoranda of understanding / agreement with the German government.

We understand that Memoranda of Agreement exist between the German and US governments pertaining to current Patriot training conducted at Fort Bliss and future Air and Missile Defense system development and training of the Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS). GAFADCen indicates that 36 months notification is required to modify the MOA. The full impact of the BRAC recommendation on the GAFADCen / ADA School Training MOA and the MEADS MOA is not entirely clear.

4. FUTURE WEAPONS SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS. Please comment on the operational impact of fielding future weapons systems that may not be easily trained or employed at the Net Fires Center located at Fort Sill.

We understand that several POM funded Air and Missile Defense systems under development could require developmental testing and continuous training at Fort Bliss or White Sands Missile Range, because of airspace limitations, electromagnetic spectrum concerns and firing range size at Fort Sill. The systems in question include the Surface-Launched Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (SLAMRAAM) and Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Netted Sensor (JLENS) which are linked to US development of a viable cruise missile defense system as well as the Terminal High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD) which is designed to defeat Tactical and Theater Ballistic Missile threats.

Additionally, will the implementation of BRAC moves affect the currently planned timelines for fielding and testing of these new systems?

Regards,

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