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FROM: BRAC Commission

SUBJECT: Request Comment on Ft Gillem and Ft McPherson Closure Recommendations.

The Commission heard the following issues at the regional hearing for Forts McPherson and Gillem. Does DoD want to comment on these issues?

1. Construction costs to replace the Headquarters are greatly understated (\$79 million vs. \$277 million)
2. Costs cost to relocate the secure telecommunications hub were ignored.
3. The value of being next to an airport with unparallel access and economical point to point travel to major cities in the United States and around the world was not considered.
4. Intangible costs like the disruption and relocating FORSCOM and subordinate commands in the middle of a war were not considered
5. Walking away from \$200M in new construction at Fort Gillem
6. Cost was only 10% of military value weight but appears to be the primary reason for closing Fort McPherson regardless of other more heavily weighted military value strengths of the headquarters
7. The interactions required between 9th Air Force and Third Army are of lesser military value than the Third Army (force requester) interface with FORSCOM and USARC (force providers).
8. First Army, is a coordinator for military support to civilian authorities including homeland defense, and the capabilities that are offered at Fort Gillem by FEMA, GEMA, the Red Cross, CDC, CID Laboratory, the U.S.

Army Reserve Secure Facility and National Guard and moving the headquarters for First Army, 2nd Recruiting Brigade and the 52nd EOD Group will impact adversely on training readiness and detract from support for homeland defense and impede efficient command and control between headquarters and subordinate units.

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9. The Third Medical Command, the Army Reserve Military Intelligence Center and the Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station are unaccounted for in DoD's analysis.
10. The Army's recommendation to disperse headquarters, limits command and control at additional cost substantially deviating from the requirements of DoD BRAC Criteria 3 and 4 and dispersal of major headquarters whose synergy is critical to mission value deviates substantially from Criteria 1.

Regards,

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