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David

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Charlie



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Third, we would urge that the process be refined even further by allowing the Commission, Congressional and public inquiries to DoD to be made by e-mail and not the more time consuming requirement of a letter or facsimile and that responses to those inquiries be made within 72 hours.

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Charlie -

High road, can-do letter.

Possible approach - draft.

Paul

David

Get me on
my approach:

Charlie



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Dear Secretary England:

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) statute envisioned a process in which the BRAC Commission would have adequate opportunity and information to rigorously review the list of military installations recommended for closure or realignment by the Secretary of Defense. Unanticipated security concerns have significantly slowed the flow of information from the Department of Defense to the Commission thus compressing the time schedule. The regrettable delays in receipt of information have resulted in reduced opportunity for review and hindered the flow of community input.

The process began ahead of schedule with the delivery on May 13, 2005, three days early, of the list of military installations recommended for closure or realignment. While a good faith effort appears to have been made, no other statutory deadlines have been met. By May 23, 2005, the Commission was to have received the summary of the selection process that resulted in the recommendation for each installation, justification for each recommendation, and all other information used by the Secretary to prepare his recommendations. Only a limited amount of that information was received on time.

The Commission is now in the fourth week of a front-loaded, 17-week schedule. While impeded in its function by the slow release of information, the Commission has fortunately had sufficient information to begin analysis. With the required information available to us now, community input flowing in rapidly, and your assurance of expedited support from the Department of Defense BRAC clearinghouse, I am confident we can accomplish our mission in the time allotted.

Anthony J. Principi
Chairman



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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
DIRECTOR, PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION
DIRECTOR, NET ASSESSMENT
DIRECTOR, FORCE TRANSFORMATION
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Coordination

All formal information requests received from outside the Department in regard to BRAC shall be forwarded to the BRAC clearinghouse established by the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics) who has the lead for coordinating responses for the Department. All components should follow the process as outlined in the attached memorandum.

USD (AT&L) will coordinate all Congressional requests for information on BRAC through the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Responses to Congressional senior leadership should be prepared for my signature.


Gordon England
Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense

Attachment:
As stated

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ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY
AND LOGISTICS

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

3010 DEFENSE PENTAGON
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MAY 15 2005

**MEMORANDUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING GROUP MEMBERS
CHAIRMEN, JOINT CROSS-SERVICE GROUPS**

SUBJECT: Responding to Public, Congressional, and BRAC Commission Inquiries

Our responses to public, Congressional, and BRAC Commission inquiries after the announcement of the Secretary's recommendations will be critical to the public perception of the BRAC process. Because of the integrated nature of these recommendations, fielding many of these queries will require coordination among the Military Departments and Joint Cross-Service Groups (JCSGs).

Channeling these queries through a single office will allow us to identify and track our responses and keep them consistent. For this reason, the OSD BRAC office will oversee a clearinghouse in Rosslyn to direct this process. Because we expect the volume of letters sent to the Department after 16 May to be substantial, each Military Department should be prepared to provide detailees to adequately staff this effort. Each JCSG should designate at least one member to work in this clearinghouse.

This office will distribute queries as appropriate to the Military Department or JCSG responsible for providing a response and maintain an internal tracking system to track all incoming and outgoing responses. As we did when taking comments on the final selection criteria, we anticipate requiring all inquiries to take the form of a letter or fax transmission. Queries sent via email or other media should not be acknowledged.

All public inquiries sent to the Department should be directed to this clearinghouse. The office will respond to all such inquiries with a standard letter (attached) advising the sender to express concerns directly to the BRAC Commission, as the Commission is in the best position, during the period of its review, to account for or take action in response to public appeals. The Department will only become involved in these inquiries if the Commission indicates that it is unable to respond without the Department's assistance. In such cases, the Department will respond to a request from the Commission using procedures for Commission inquiries detailed below.

All Congressional inquiries should be directed to the OSD BRAC clearinghouse for appropriate distribution. The responsibility to respond to incoming queries will reside with the Military Department or JCSG in whose section of the final report the recommendation appeared, though that entity should coordinate its response with each proponent involved in the recommendation. Once incoming queries have been distributed, the Military Departments should use their own Legislative Affairs divisions when developing responses to general inquiries that do not require a substantive understanding of BRAC procedures and analyses. General guidance for JCSG responses will come from OSD Legislative

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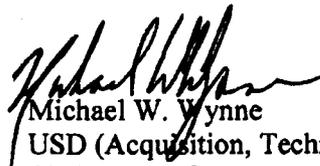
Affairs. Proposed responses to any questions requiring a substantive understanding of BRAC procedures and analysis should be directed to the OSD BRAC clearinghouse. Finalized responses should be sent back to the clearinghouse so that they may be tracked and sent to the appropriate Legislative Affairs office for transmission.

Our responses to the BRAC Commission's inquiries will receive extraordinary scrutiny following May 16 and will affect the Commission's ability to fulfill its mandate. Our interest in facilitating the Commission's work and statutory requirements for expediency dictate that these inquiries be given priority. Each Military Department and JCSG should identify two points of contact for responding to Commission inquiries. ✓

All Commission requests for research, analysis, justification, explanation, or any other product from the Department must be directed to the OSD BRAC clearinghouse, which will distribute the request to the appropriate Military Department or JCSG. Like Congressional queries, the responsibility to respond to incoming Commission queries will reside with the Military Department or JCSG in whose section of the final report the recommendation appeared, after coordination with other involved proponents. Please send hardcopy responses to these inquiries, once coordinated, in triplicate to the Commission, the Congress (per statutory requirement), and the OSD BRAC clearinghouse. For queries that request only general information, Military Departments and JCSGs may correspond informally and directly with the Commission.

In anticipation of the large volume of inquiries the Department expects to receive, both the Military Departments and JCSGs should establish multiple signature authorities for its responses to BRAC inquiries. Because the JCSGs will be responsible for answering inquiries regarding their recommendations, each JCSG should ensure that a staff capable of handling this task remains accessible throughout the Commission and Congressional review period, including its chair or vice chair and several members familiar with the details of its analyses.

I appreciate your efforts and assistance, and look forward to working with you to provide creditable responses to the public, the Congress, and the BRAC Commission in the coming months. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Potochney, Director, BRAC, at 614-5356.



Michael W. Wynne

USD (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics)
Chairman, Infrastructure Steering Group

Attachments: as stated

[Name and Address of Sender]

Dear [Name of Sender]:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Defense's efforts to strengthen national security through the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment process. Please be assured that the Department's recommendations resulted from a comprehensive analysis of all military installations in the United States and Territories on an equal footing, with military value as the primary consideration.

As you know, the Department of Defense conducted a comprehensive review of installation infrastructure within the statutory authority provided by Congress. The Secretary of Defense forwarded his recommendations to the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission on May 13, 2005. The Commission has until September 8, 2005 to complete its review of those recommendations and transmit its recommendations to the President. Under the process established by Congress, the Commission is in the best position, during the period of its review, to consider requests and input from the public.

Please direct your [request/input] the 2005 BRAC Commission at [Commission address]

Sincerely,

Peter J. Potochney
Director, Base Realignment and Closure

Battaglia, Charles, CIV, WSO-BRAC

From: Cirillo, Frank, CIV, WSO-BRAC
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 8:37 PM
To: Battaglia, Charles, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Hill, Christine, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Schaefer, James, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Hague, David, CIV, WSO-BRAC
Cc: Cooper, Rory, CIV, WSO-BRAC; McCreary, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Cowhig, Dan, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Cirillo, Frank, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Cook, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Dinsick, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Ed Brown (edbrown61@verizon.net); Fetzer, William, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Hanna, James, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Hood, Wesley, CIV, WSO-BRAC; MacGregor, Timothy, MAJ, WSO-BRAC; Rhody, Dean, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Robertson, Kathleen, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Saxon, Ethan, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Sillin, Nathaniel, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Small, Kenneth, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Van Saun, David, CIV, WSO-BRAC; Wasleski, Marilyn, CIV, WSO-BRAC
Subject: R&A Statement Related to Data Released Thus Far by DoD.
Importance: High

Here is our consensus statement - I believe it has legal content and basis and properly displays the Commission position GC and Charlie need to review and approve before any use of this statement:

"The Commission was of course extremely disappointed in the delay of receipt of much of the required back-up information needed to properly perform our analysis in this legislatively brief period between presentation of the recommendations by the Secretary of Defense and the delivery of our "Report to the President" on September 8, 2005. We were and continue to be equally disappointed that the data delivery process was not properly thought out within the Department to mitigate such issues.

The legislation clearly requires the Department to make the following information available to the Commission and to the Congress within seven days after the recommendations are formally presented by the Secretary: the list of recommendations published; a summary of the selection process that resulted in the recommendation for each installation; justification for each recommendation; and all information used by the Secretary to prepare the recommendations.

With the exception of some still being defined quantity of classified information, the majority of the above data now appears to be available in a public forum and at long last can be used in detailed analysis by the Commission as well as by the Public. On the favorable side, the Commission has had sufficient information over the last three weeks to at least begin analysis during this drawn out process of declassification by the Department.

We do remain to be concerned about several pieces of information that remain classified, even now, that will continue to complicate our analysis process. The Department's classified "Reading Room" has the details we need but as the still classified portions are redacted for inclusion in the unclassified reading room. In general, the redacted data makes the public data less than fully useful in a few select cases. As but one example, the recommended closure or realignment of naval air stations require the redistribution of assigned aircraft. We can understand what the redistributions entail in the classified version but the numbers and specifics are eliminated in the unclassified version. Similarly, when we attempt to get the details of a dispersal from another location, we are unable to determine the specifics for analysis in an unclassified version. Both instances compromise an open analysis but in most cases will not compromise the final recommendations from the Commission. The Department needs to come up with the final answer.

Given our commitment that we will continue perform the Commission's analysis in an open and public forum, and given the extensive analysis we must perform in the next 30 days to assess any additions to the proposals; and given the analysis required in the next 90 days to fully assess the overall recommendations; we can tolerate no further delays, real, tentative or otherwise in the final delivery of all data considered open and unclassified. We of course are equally concerned about the lack of availability of

this information to the Public, as we find the Public is, in fact, a valuable extension of our own staff work, often offering data and analysis to the process that is not elsewhere available.

We encourage the Secretary to complete his declassification and release process no later than close of business June 8, 2005 to assure that the continued absence of ultimately available data will not compromise our ability to validate the proper application of the criteria and the force structure plan towards his presented recommendations. We also encourage that all data released be equally and openly made available to the Congress and to the Public by the most expedient means possible."

Frank