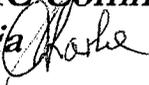


*Memorandum for BRAC Commissioners**From: Charlie Battaglia* *Subj: BRAC Matters**Date: July 1, 2005*

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*While we have e-mailed or faxed you a copy of the letter to Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld seeking explanation on why certain facilities were not closed or realigned, the importance of the letter and its enclosure moves me to ensure that you have received a copy. I am enclosing another copy in the event you did not receive yours. It was hand-delivered to the Office of SecDef on Friday morning. The letter, hopefully, is self-explanatory.*

*Even before we issued the letter, in fact the day before, the phones were ringing from distressed Congressional offices. I have an internal problem on leaks.*

*In addition, we sent a copy of the letter to every affected Congressional office rather than have Senators and Congressmen speculate or read about the letter in the press. Today, the letter to SecDef and the enclosure will be posted on our website.*

*I am also enclosing some talking points which I encourage you to read.*

*Finally, I want to run the schedule again in the attached.*

July 1, 2005

**BRAC Commission Schedule**

**Mon, Jul 18 - Washington DC**

**8:30 AM – Hearing with SecDef or his rep testifying on his response to our July 1 letter.**

**10:30 AM – Hearing on the GAO report (copy attached) which analyzed DoD's selection process and recommendations for base closure.**

**Witness: Comptroller General David Walker**

**1:00 PM Hearing to receive testimony from the Overseas Basing Commission on its findings and recommendations**

**Witnesses: Six OBC Commissioners**

**Tue, Jul 19 – Washington DC**

**1:00 PM Public Hearing to vote on the Commission adds list**

**Witnesses: Commission Staff will present each proposal followed by a Commission vote on each proposal.**

**(Note: The Monday schedule is to permit timely 45 day notice in the Federal Register of the Commission's adds. The Tuesday afternoon session is planned to permit staff time to analyze the SecDef letter response and his testimony on Monday).**

**Depending on the adds vote, there will be more base visits involving 2 or more Commissioners and regional hearings.**

**Week of August 15**

*Two days of hearings are planned to permit the SecDef or his representative to reclamation our adds before a final vote. Also, to hear from witnesses on the environmental and economic impact and costs of the SecDef recommendations. Witnesses TBD.*

*Week of August 22-25*

*Four days of deliberation and voting on the SecDef recommendations and the Commission adds.*

*September 8, 2005 - Report to the President*