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OCTOBER 27, 1994 -- David Lyles and Charles Smith, longtime defense specialists from the U.S. Senate staff, have been named to the top positions at the Defense Base Closure and Relignment Commission, former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon, the commission chairman, announced.

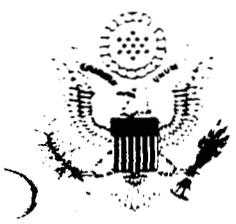
Lyles, who will be the commission staff director, has worked for the Senate Armed Services Committee since 1981, and last year was named its deputy staff director. He worked closely with Dixon when Dixon was chairman of the subcommittee on Readiness, Sustainability and Support. Lyles succeeds Tom Houston, who has served as staff director since June, and prior to that was the commission's director of communications.

Smith will be the commission's executive director and special assistant to the chairman. He was Dixon's national security advisor during Dixon's 12 years in the Senate and since 1992 has served in the same capacity for Senator Wendell Ford of Kentucky.

Lyles and Smith will begin work at the commission November 1.

Dixon also announced that Wade Nelson has been named the commission's communications director. Nelson, a former reporter with the Chicago Daily News and Baltimore Sun, served as Dixon's Senate press secretary from 1981 to 1987.

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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE OF MARCH HEARINGS

Opening session March 1 to hear Secretary Perry, General Shali

WASHINGTON, DC, February 24, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold eight hearings in Washington, DC, in the first two weeks of March as it begins its evaluation of the Defense Department's recommendations to close and realign domestic military installations.

The opening hearing will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 1995, in Room 106 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. At the morning meeting, the commission will hear testimony from Secretary of Defense William Perry and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General John Shalikashvili. At the afternoon hearing, which begins at 1:30 p.m. in the same room, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Economic Security) Joshua Gotbaum will discuss the overall methodology the Defense Department used in developing its recommendations.

The other March hearings are:

- * March 6, 1995 -- 345 Cannon House Office Building

9 a.m.: Secretary of the Navy John Dalton
1:30 p.m.: Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall

- * March 7, 1995 -- 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

9 a.m.: Secretary of the Army Togo D. West, Jr.
1:30 p.m.: Defense Agencies

- * March 16, 1995 -- 216 Hart Senate Office Building

9 a.m.: Private sector representatives discuss issues relating to re-use of closed installations. (Witness list being prepared)

1:30 p.m.: Government officials on re-use policies. (Witness list being prepared)

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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES MARCH 6TH AND 7TH HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, DC, March 2, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold four hearings in Washington, DC on March 6 and March 7 as it continues its evaluation of the Defense Department's recommendations to close and realign domestic military installations.

The hearings are:

March 6, 1995

Caucus Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

Service Secretaries present recommendations and methodology for Service selection process.

9:00 AM

- Secretary of the Navy John Dalton
- Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations
- General Carl E. Mundy, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Assistant Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Pirie, Jr. (Installations and Environment)

1:30 PM

- Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall
- General Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff of the Air Force
- Major General Jay D. Blume, Jr., Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Base Realignment and Transition

March 7, 1995

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Defense and Service Secretaries present recommendations and methodology for Defense Agency and Service selection process.

9:00 AM

- Secretary of the Army Togo D. West, Jr.
- General Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army
- Assistant Secretary of the Army Robert M. Walker (Installations, Logistics, and Environment)
- Brigadier General James E. Shane, Jr., Director of Management, Office of the Chief of Staff

1:30 PM

- Major General Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr., USAF, Principal Deputy Director, Defense Logistics Agency
- Mr. John F. Donnelly, Director, Defense Investigative Service

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DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, DC, March 3, 1995 -- The Senate confirmed the seven remaining commissioners to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission yesterday by voice vote.

The Commissioners are Al Cornella of South Dakota, Rebecca G. Cox of California, General J.B. Davis, USAF (ret.) of Florida, Lee Kling of Missouri, Rear Admiral Benjamin Montoya, USN (ret.) of New Mexico, Major General Joe Robles, USA (ret.) of Texas, and Wendi L. Steele of Texas.

The Chairman and eighth member of the commission, former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon of Illinois, was confirmed on October 7, 1994.

All commissioners will participate in the Commission's March 6th and 7th hearings in Washington, D.C.

Bios of the Commissioners are attached.



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ALAN J. DIXON, Chairman

Biography

Alan J. Dixon was confirmed by the U.S. Senate October 7, 1994, as chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, adding another chapter to a distinguished 45-year career in public service.

Dixon, 67, is a senior partner in the corporate and business department of the St. Louis-based law firm of Bryan Cave, which he joined in 1993 after representing Illinois in the U.S. Senate for 12 years. Until his defeat in the Democratic primary election in 1992, Dixon had enjoyed an unbroken string of 29 election victories dating from 1949 when, while attending law school, he was elected police magistrate in his hometown of Belleville, Illinois.

In 1988 and again in 1990, Democratic Senators elected him unanimously to serve as chief deputy whip, their number three leadership post.

During his Senate career, Dixon held important positions on the committees on Armed Services, Small Business, and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

On the Armed Services Committee, he chaired the Subcommittee on Readiness, Preparedness and Sustainability, which oversees 38 per cent of the U.S. defense budget. The subcommittee was one of those responsible for making sure U.S. manpower and weapons systems employed in the Persian Gulf War were adequate for the task. In 1990, he co-authored the legislation that created the commission he now chairs and the process under which the federal government operates to close and realign military bases in the United States.

Dixon began a 20-year career in the Illinois General Assembly with election to the House of Representatives in 1950. As a legislator, he wrote or co-sponsored legislation that produced or nurtured the state's modern criminal code, the modern judicial article to the Illinois Constitution, the state's community college system and its open meetings law.

He served as Illinois Treasurer from 1971-77, during which time his policies earned hundreds of millions of dollars for Illinois taxpayers and he established investment incentives for Illinois banks to encourage them to invest locally.

He was elected Illinois Secretary of State by a margin of 1.3 million votes in 1976. In 1978, he was re-elected by 1.5 million votes, becoming the first candidate in Illinois history to carry all 102 counties in the state, including all 30 townships in suburban Cook County and all 50 wards in the City of Chicago.

He was the first Democratic statewide candidate to disclose the sources and amounts of all campaign contributions, and since 1970, his personal financial assets and liabilities were a matter of public record.

Dixon is a graduate of the University of Illinois and holds a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. He and his wife, Jody, have three children and seven grandchildren.



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AL CORNELLA, Commissioner

Biography

Al Cornella is the President of Cornella Refrigeration Inc., a Rapid City, South Dakota firm specializing in commercial and industrial refrigeration. He is a U.S. Navy Veteran with service in Vietnam and has been active in military issues for over a decade.

Cornella has also served on a number of boards and commissions in South Dakota including the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure with the Chamber, he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1991-1992 and as Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

In 1992, Mr. Cornella was appointed by former South Dakota Governor George Mickelson to serve on the State Commission on Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Mr. Cornella currently serves on the boards of the South Dakota Air and Space Foundation and the Rapid City Economic Development Loan Fund.



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REBECCA G. COX, Commissioner

Biography

Rebecca G. Cox is currently a Vice President of Continental Airlines, Inc. She joined Continental in January, 1989. In 1993, she served as a Member of the Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission.

Before joining Continental, Rebecca served as Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Public Liaison, President Reagan's primary outreach effort to the private sector. She was also appointed by the President to serve as Chairman of the Interagency Committee for Women's Business Enterprise.

Prior to her 1987 White House appointment, Ms. Cox had served as Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs at the Department of Transportation. As Assistant Secretary, she was responsible for coordinating legislative strategies and non-legislative relationships between the Department and Congress, as well as ensuring a continuing Departmental program for effective communication and policy development with other Federal agencies, state and local governments and national organizations.

Ms. Cox had previously served at the Department of Transportation as Counselor to Secretary Elizabeth Dole and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs.

Before coming to the Department of Transportation, Ms. Cox worked in the U.S. Senate first as staff assistant, then legislative assistant and, finally, as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. As Chief of Staff, she was responsible for managing the Senator's Alaska staff, the leadership duties of the Office of the Assistant Majority Leader and the oversight of his Subcommittee assignments including those involving the Commerce, Appropriations, and Governmental Affairs Committees.

In 1976, she received a B.A. degree from Depauw University in Greencastle, Indiana and a Juris Doctorate degree from the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, Washington, D.C. in 1981.

Ms. Cox resides in Newport Beach, California with her husband Chris and their two children.



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JAMES B. DAVIS, Commissioner

Biography

In August of 1993, General J.B. Davis concluded a thirty-five year career with the United States Air Force as a combat fighter pilot, commander and strategic planner and programmer. He has served as a commander of a combat fighter wing, of the U.S. Air Force's Military Personnel Center, Pacific Air Forces, and United States Forces Japan. On the staff side, he served as the Director and Programmer of the U.S. Air Force's personnel and training, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Intelligence Pacific Air Forces, and served his last two years on active duty as the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (NATO).

During his career he has had extensive experience in operations, intelligence, human resource management, and political/military and international affairs. He has commanded a nuclear capable organization of about six thousand personnel and a joint service organization of about sixty thousand personnel and several sizes in between.

In the 1990's, he was deeply involved in the successful multimillion dollar negotiations for support of U.S. Forces in Japan and the Japanese financial support of U.S. Forces in Desert Storm. In NATO, he was the chief negotiator with the North Atlantic Council and the United Nations for NATO's participation in the Yugoslavian conflict.

General Davis has lived overseas for more than ten years almost evenly split between the Pacific and Europe. Because of his official duties, he has traveled extensively to all the ASEAN and NATO countries and many of the Central and Eastern European countries, including Hungary and Albania, meeting with Ministers of State and Defense, Prime Ministers and Presidents.

General Davis has a B.S. degree in Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Masters degree in Public Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery, and has attended multiple professional schools.



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S. LEE KLING, Commissioner

Biography

S. Lee Kling serves as Chairman of the Board of Kling Rechter & Company, a merchant banking company. The company was formed in 1991. Additionally, he serves as a Special Advisor and Managing Director of Willis Corroon Corp. of Missouri.

Mr. Kling served as Chairman of the Board of Landmark Bancshares Corporation, a St. Louis based bank holding company located in Missouri and Illinois, from 1975 through December 1991 when the company merged with Magna Group, Inc. He served additionally as the company's Chief Executive Officer from 1974 through October 1990, except for the year 1978 when he served as Assistant Special Counselor on Inflation for the White House, and in that capacity as Deputy for Ambassador Robert S. Strauss.

From 1953 until 1974, Mr. Kling was in the insurance brokerage business. He founded his own insurance firm in 1965, which was sold in 1969 to a publicly traded manufacturing company, Weil McClain Co., Inc. He remained with the company as Chairman and CEO of the insurance division until 1974, when the company was sold to Reed Stenhouse of Canada. He then continued on a part-time basis for a number of years.

From 1974 to 1977, Mr. Kling served as Finance Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and a member of its Executive Committee. In 1976, he was Treasurer of the Democratic National Convention. He founded and chaired for two years the Democratic Congressional House and Senate Council. He was Co-Chairman in 1977 of the Democratic Congressional Dinner, and in 1982 was the recipient of the Democratic National Committee Distinguished Service Award. He served as National Treasurer of the Carter-Mondale Election Committee, and in 1987-88 Mr. Kling served as National Treasurer of the Gephardt for President Committee.

Mr. Kling was Co-Chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties. In 1979 he served as United States Economic Advisor representing the private sector during the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt. In 1982-83 he was Co-Chairman of the Coalition for Enactment of the Caribbean Basin Initiative legislation. Mr. Kling serves on the boards of a number of public and private corporations, civic and charitable organizations.

He received the Distinguished Business Alumni Award from Washington University in 1989 and was the Missouri Building & Construction Trade Counsel "Construction Man of the Year" in 1990.

Mr. Kling and his wife, Rosalyn Hauss, have four children. Their residence is at Grayling Farms in Villa Ridge, which is just west of St. Louis, Missouri. He attended New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and received his B.S.B.A. degree from Washington University in St. Louis. From 1950 to 1952, he served in the Army as a 1st Lieutenant and aide-de-camp to General Buy O. Kurtz. Mr. Kling was born in St. Louis, Missouri on December 22, 1928.



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BENJAMIN F. MONTOYA, Commissioner

Biography

Benjamin F. Montoya is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Service Company of New Mexico, an investor-owned public utility serving gas, electricity and water throughout the State.

His private sector career, which began in 1989 when he retired from the Navy, has included the positions of Manager, Vice President, and Senior Vice President of Pacific Gas and Electric company, San Francisco.

Mr. Montoya enjoyed a distinguished and decorated U.S. Navy career spanning 31 years, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral. He served as Commanding Officer of the Navy Public Works Center in San Diego, California; Commander of the Western Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno, California; and Director of the Shore Activities Division in the Office of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics) in Washington, D.C. From 1987-1989, he assumed the duty as Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers. Mr. Montoya was selected to the rank of Rear Admiral in March, 1987.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Mr. Montoya is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Master of Science degree in sanitary engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.



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JOSUE (JOE) ROBLES, JR. , Commissioner

Biography

Joe Robles is Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Controller for USAA Financial Services. He directs USAA's activities in the areas of Payroll and Compensation Accounting, Accounting Policy, Corporate Financial Analysis, Internal Audit and Taxes. He joined USAA in July 1994 as Special Assistant to the Chairman after retiring from the U.S. Army as a Major General after 28 years of service. He assumed the role of CFO/Controller in September 1994.

General Robles was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, January 24, 1946. He joined the U.S. Army in 1966 and received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1967. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Kent State University in 1972. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Indiana State University. His military education included Field Artillery Basic and Advanced courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Spanish General Staff College, and U.S. Naval War College.

Robles served in a variety of important command and staff positions, culminating in his assignment as Commander General, 1st Infantry (Mech) at Fort Riley, Kansas. Prior to that position, General Robles served as Director of the Army Budget, and as the assistant division commander, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The latter included participation in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His early troop assignments included command and staff positions in Field Artillery units in Korea, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Vietnam, and Germany.

Robles' mid-level assignments included work with the Resource Management Department, U.S. Army Institute of Administration, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He also served as special assistant to the G-3, 1st Infantry Division (Mech), and battalion commander, 1st Battalion 7th Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, both at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Recent assignments included Chief, programming and budget office with Headquarters, U.S. Army, the Pentagon, and Division Artillery commander of the 1st Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Riley, Kansas.

Robles' military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

General Robles is married to the former Patricia Ann Gavin of East Greenwich, Rhode Island and has three sons, Joseph (deceased), Andrew and Christopher, and a daughter, Melissa.



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WENDI L. STEELE, Commissioner

Biography

Wendi L. Steele served as the Senate liaison for the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in 1991. She began her career in the Reagan Administration, working in the legislative affairs offices of both the Office of Management and Budget and the White House. Following her service in Washington, Mrs. Steele was a congressional and economic analyst for the Defense and Space Group of the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington. She returned to D.C. during the Bush Administration and worked for the assistant secretary for legislative and intergovernmental affairs of the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 1993, she staffed defense, veterans' affairs, foreign policy and trade issues for Senator Don Nickles (R-OK).

Mrs. Steele currently resides with her husband Nick in Houston, Texas, where she is a writer.

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MINOT AFB, NORTH DAKOTA ADDED TO LIST FOR REALIGNMENT

Washington, DC, March 7 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission formally added Minot AFB, North Dakota to the list of military bases being considered for realignment.

The commission voted 7-0 to add Minot AFB to the list for consideration to clarify its status and officially notify interested parties.

Minot AFB did not appear separately on the list released by the Secretary of Defense on February 28. Instead, it was mentioned as a recommendation to replace Grand Forks, AFB, North Dakota on the realignment list should the Secretary of Defense determine that Grand Forks ballistic missile defense (BMD) options (321st Missile Group) need to be retained because of treaty considerations.

The Air Force's recommendation is that if the Secretary of Defense makes this determination then realignment at Grand Forks AFB would effectively be precluded and, "Minot AFB, North Dakota, will be realigned and the 91st Missile Group will inactivate."

The commissioners added Minot to the realignment list to clarify its status.



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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES MARCH 16th HEARING

WASHINGTON, DC, March 10, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold two hearings in Washington, DC on March 16th as it continues its evaluation of the Defense Department's recommendations to close and realign domestic military installations. The Commission will hear from community and government representatives relating to reuse of closed military bases.

In addition to its statutory responsibilities to review the Secretary of Defense's recommendations for base closures and realignments, Chairman Alan J. Dixon has said that the 1995 Commission will also review and develop recommendations on how to improve the federal government's performance in the area of conversion and reuse of military installations.

The hearings are:

March 16, 1995

216 Hart Senate Office Building

Elected officials and private-sector groups present testimony on reuse issues.

9:00 AM

- Senator David Pryor (D-AR)
- A member of The United States Conference of Mayors
- Councilman John Maxwell (Myrtle Beach, SC), National League of Cities
- Commissioner Doug Bovin (Delta County, Gladstone, MI), National Association of Counties
- City Manager Walter V. Graham (Vallejo, CA), International City/County Management Association
- Brad Arvins, National Association of Installation Developers
- William Tremayne, Business Executives for National Security

1:30 PM

Government officials present testimony on reuse issues.

- Joshua Gotbaum, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security
- Sherri Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security
- Colonel Dennis Cochrane, Chief, Base Realignment and Closure Office, Department of the Army
- Rear Admiral Patrick Drennon, Director of Facilities and Engineering Division, Department of the Navy
- Alan Olson, Director of Air Force Base Conversion Agency, Department of the Air Force
- William Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
- James Van Erden, Administrator, Work-Based Learning, Department of Labor
- Timothy Fields, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency

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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE

Eleven regional hearings to be held between March 29 and May 5

WASHINGTON, DC, March 10, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission is announcing its schedule of 11 regional hearings to be held around the country. The purpose of these Regional Hearings is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

Today's announcement includes the dates and the cities the hearings will be held. Specific times and locations will be announced shortly.

The list of hearings:

March 29	Guam
March 30	Grand Forks, North Dakota
March 31	Great Falls, Montana
April 4	Birmingham, Alabama
April 12	Chicago, Illinois
April 19	Dallas, Texas
April 20	Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 24	Delta Junction, Alaska
April 28-29	San Francisco, California
May 4	Baltimore, Maryland
May 5	New York City

Here is the list of which installations fall under which regional hearing:

March 29 (Location: Territory of Guam)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Guam
Naval Air Station Agana Guam
Naval Activities Guam
Ship Repair Facility Guam

March 30 (Location: Grand Forks ND)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Grand Forks Air Force Base ND
Minot Air Force Base ND

March 31 (Location: Great Falls MT)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Fort Missoula MT
Malmstrom Air Force Base MT

April 4 (Location: Birmingham AL)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Anniston Army Depot AL
Fort McClellan AL
Reserve Center Huntsville AL
Big Coppet Key FL
Eglin Air Force Base FL
Homestead Air Force Base FL
MacDill Air Force Base FL
Naval Air Station Cecil Field FL
Naval Air Station Key West FL
Naval Aviation Depot Pensacola FL
Naval Research Lab & Naval Underwater Sound Reference Detachment FL
Naval Training Center Orlando FL
Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center Orlando FL
Defense Contract Management District South Marietta GA
Robins Air Force Base GA
Naval Biodynamics Lab New Orleans LA
Reserve Center New Orleans (Region 10) LA
Naval Technical Training Center Meridian MS
Naval Air Station Meridian MS
Fort Buchanan Puerto Rico
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Charleston SC
Reserve Center Charlestown (Region 7) SC
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis TN

April 12 (Location: Chicago IL)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Charles Melvin Price Support Center IL
Savanna Army Depot Activity IL
Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Indianapolis IN
Reserve Center Olathe KS
Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division Detachment Louisville KY
Detroit Arsenal MI
Naval Air Facility Detroit MI
Reserve Center Cadillac MI
Selfridge Army Garrison MI
Aviation-Troop Command (ATCOM) MO
Defense Contract Management Command International OH
Defense Distribution Depot Columbus OH
Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport Air Guard Station OH
Reserve Center Sheboygan WI

April 19 (Location: Dallas TX)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Fort Chaffee AR
Tinker Air Force Base OK
Bergstrom Air Reserve Base TX
Brooks Air Force Base TX
Defense Distribution Depot Red River TX
Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator Activity Fort Worth TX
Kelly Air Force Base TX
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi TX
Red River Army Depot TX
Reese Air Force Base TX
Reserve Center Laredo TX

April 20 (Location: Albuquerque NM)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Williams Air Force Base AZ
Fitzsimons Army Medical Center CO
Lowry Air Force Base CO
Kirtland Air Force Base NM
Defense Distribution Depot Ogden UT
Dugway Proving Ground UT
Hill Air Force Base UT

April 24 (Location: Delta Junction AK)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Fort Greely AK
Naval Air Facility Adak AK

April 28-29 (Location: San Francisco CA)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks CA
Camp Bonneville WA
Defense Contract Management District West El Segundo CA
East Fort Baker CA
Fort Hunter Liggett CA
Marine Corps Air Station El Toro CA
Marine Corps Air Station Tustin CA
McClellan Air Force Base CA
Moffett Federal Airfield Air Guard Station CA
Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center San Diego CA
Naval Health Research Center San Diego CA
Naval Personnel Research & Development Center San Diego CA
Naval Recruiting District San Diego CA
Naval Ship Yard Long Beach CA
Naval Training Center San Diego CA
North Highlands Air Guard Station CA
Onizuka Air Station CA
Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station CA
Reserve Center Pomona CA
Reserve Center Santa Ana Irvine CA
Reserve Center Stockton CA
Rio Vista Army Reserve Center CA
Sierra Army Depot CA
Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair Long Beach CA
Naval Air Station Barbers Point HI
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport WA

May 4 (Location: Baltimore MD)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Naval Recruiting Command DC
Naval Security Group Command Detachment Potomac DC
Army Bio-Medical Research Lab, Fort Detrick MD
Concepts Analysis Agency MD
Fort Meade MD
Fort Ritchie MD
Investigations Control and Automation Directorate Fort Holabird MD
Naval Medical Research Institute Bethesda MD
Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division Detachment Annapolis MD
Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division Detachment White Oak MD
Publications Distribution Center Baltimore MD
Recreation Center #2 NC
Charles E. Kelly Support Center PA
Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny PA
Defense Industrial Supply Center Philadelphia PA
Fort Indiantown Gap PA

Greater Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station PA
Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center Warminster PA
Naval Aviation Engineering Support Unit Philadelphia PA
Naval Air Technical Services Facility Philadelphia PA
Letterkenny Army Depot PA
Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Div Open Water Test Facility Oreland PA
Naval Shipyard Norfolk Detachment Philadelphia PA
Fort Lee VA
Fort Pickett VA
Information Systems Software Command (ISSC) VA
Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center In-Service Engineering
East Coast Detachment Norfolk VA
Naval Information Systems Management Center Arlington VA
Naval Management Systems Support Office Chesapeake VA
Naval Sea Systems Command Arlington VA
Office of Naval Research Arlington VA
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Arlington VA
Valley Grove Area Maintenance Support Activity WV

May 5 (Location: New York City)

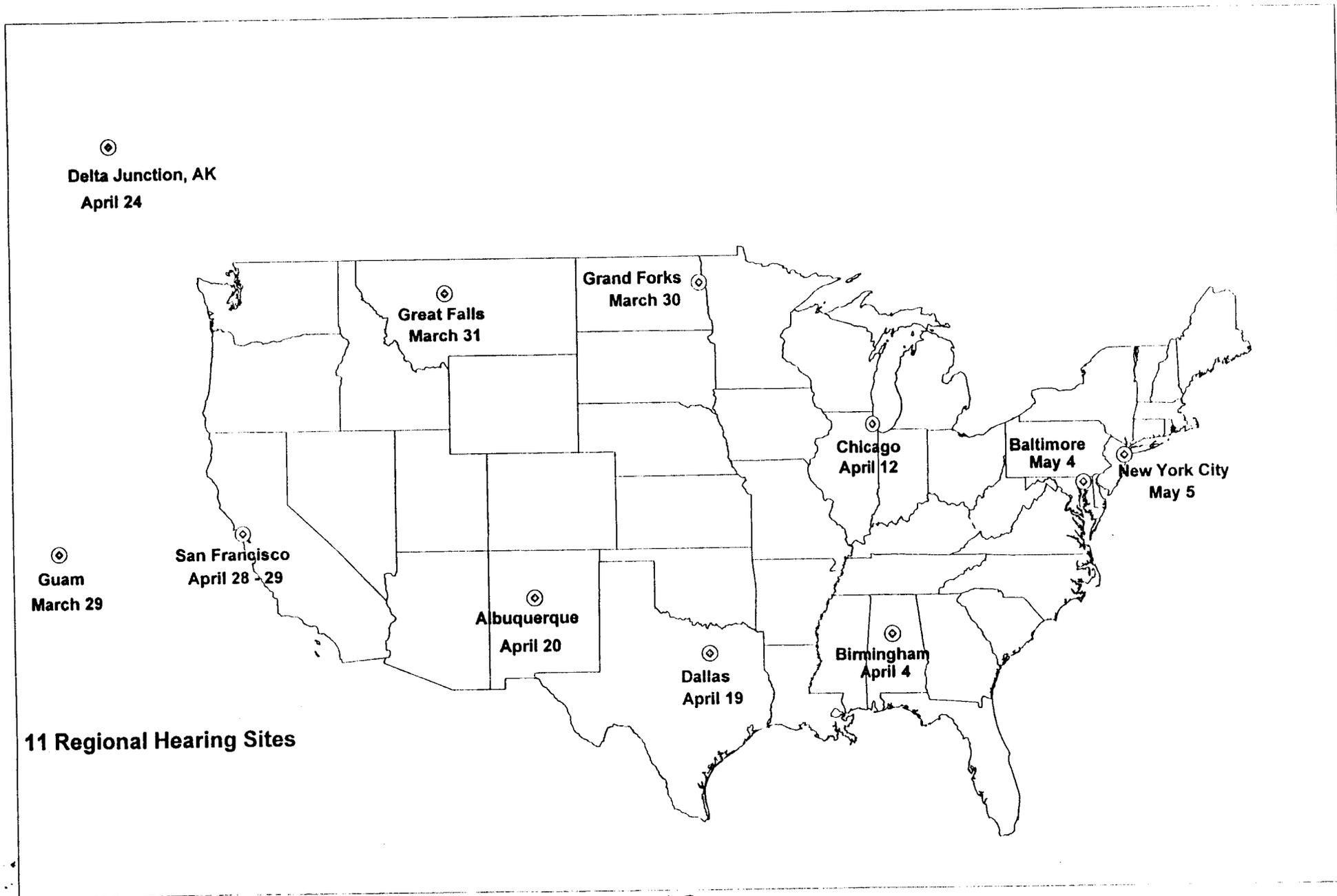
Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport Division New London CT
Hingham Cohasset MA
Naval Air Station South Weymouth MA
Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal NJ
Bellmore Logistics Activity NJ
Camp Kilmer NJ
Camp Pedricktown NJ
Caven Point Reserve Center NJ
Fort Dix NJ
Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst NJ
Fort Hamilton NY
Fort Totten NY
Griffiss Air Force Base NY
Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity Buffalo NY
Reserve Center Staten Island NY
Rome Laboratory NY
Roslyn Air Guard Station NY
Seneca Army Depot NY
Stratford Army Engine Plant CT
Sudbury Training Annex NYMA

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BASE VISIT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSION

54 Bases To Be Visited

Washington, DC, March 20, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announced its schedule for visits to bases being considered for realignment and closure.

Fifty-four major installations proposed for closure or realignment are currently scheduled to receive a base visit by one or more Commissioners. Base visits provide an opportunity for Commissioners to view a base directly and to investigate first-hand many of the issues related to that base. The Base Public Affairs Officer should be contacted for visit specifics.

All dates are subject to change. Interested persons should contact the Commission prior to visits for confirmation of dates and Commissioners attending the visit.

Scheduled visits as of today:

March 22 -- Fort McClellan, AL	April 3 -- NAS Meridian, MS
March 23 -- Robins AFB, GA	Tinker AFB, OK
March 24 -- Defense Distribution Depot, TN	April 5 -- Reese AFB, TX
MacDill AFB, FL	Rome Lab, NY
Ft. Ritchie, MD	Griffiss AFB, NY
Letterkenny, PA	Seneca Army Depot, NY
March 27 -- Fort Leonard Wood, MO	April 6 -- NSWC Louisville, KY
NSWC Annapolis, MD	Red River Army Depot, TX
NSWC White Oak, MD	Brooks AFB, TX
March 28 -- Guam Installations	Bergstrom AFB, TX
ATCOM, MO	April 7 -- Defense Supply Center
Fort Pickett, VA	Philadelphia, PA
Price Support Center, IL	NCCOSC Warminster, PA
March 29 -- Guam Installations	Selfridge Army Garrison, MI
March 30 -- Minot AFB, ND	Detroit Arsenal, MI
Grand Forks AFB, ND	April 10 -- Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station,
March 31 -- Malmstrom AFB, MT	PA
	Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
	NAWC Indianapolis, IN

April 11	-- Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, OH Dugway Proving Ground, UT Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT Fort Chaffee, AR Savanna Depot, IL	April 26	-- Fort Hunter Liggett, CA Onizuka Air Station, CA Moffett Air Guard Station, CA
April 13	-- Fitzsimons AMC, CO NAS South Weymouth, MA -	April 27	-- Long Beach Ship Yard, CA
April 18	-- Kirtland AFB, NM	April 28	-- Fort Buchanan, PR
April 24	-- Fort Greely, AK	May 1	-- NUWC New London, CT Stratford Engine Plant, CT
April 25	-- Sierra Army Depot, CA	May 2	-- Bayonne MOT, NJ
		May 3	-- Fort Dix, NJ NAWC Lakehurst, NJ

April 25th

The Commission's regional hearing schedule, announced March 10, is as follows:

March 29	Guam
March 30	Grand Forks, North Dakota
March 31	Great Falls, Montana
April 4	Birmingham, Alabama
April 12	Chicago, Illinois
April 19	Dallas, Texas
April 20	Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 24	Delta Junction, Alaska
April 28-29	San Francisco, California
May 4	Baltimore, Maryland
May 5	New York City

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FIRST FOUR REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Guam, North Dakota, Montana, and Alabama Schedules are set

WASHINGTON, DC, March 23, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announced its schedule for its first four regional hearings. The purpose of these regional hearings is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

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The location of the hearings:

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| March 29 | Guam Legislature
155 Hessler Street
Agana, Guam |
| March 30 | Chester Fritz Auditorium
University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, North Dakota |
| March 31 | Great Falls Civic Center
100 Park Drive
Great Falls, Montana |
| April 4 | The Boutwell Municipal Auditorium
1930 8th Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama |

Schedules are as follows:

**GUAM REGIONAL HEARING
March 29, 1995**

2:30-2:40 PM	Commissioners' opening remarks
2:40-3:50 PM	Guam 70 minutes
3:50-4:00 PM	break
4:00-5:10 PM	Guam 70 minutes
5:15-5:45 PM	Public comment

**GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA REGIONAL HEARING
March 30, 1995**

7:30-7:40 PM	Commissioners' opening remarks
7:40-9:10 PM	North Dakota 90 minutes
9:15-9:30 PM	Public comment

**GREAT FALLS, MONTANA REGIONAL HEARING
March 31, 1995**

1:00-1:10 PM	Commissioners' opening remarks
1:10-1:40 PM	Montana 30 minutes
1:45-2:00 PM	Public comment

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA REGIONAL HEARING
April 4, 1995

8:30-8:40 AM	Opening remarks by Chairman Dixon	
8:40-9:45 AM	Alabama	65 minutes
9:50-10:35 AM	Mississippi	45 minutes
10:40-11:25 AM	Tennessee	45 minutes
11:30-Noon	Public Comment: Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee	
Noon-1:00 PM	Break	
1:00-1:40 PM	Florida	40 minutes
1:45-2:20 PM	Georgia	35 minutes
2:25-2:40 PM	Louisiana	15 minutes
2:45-2:55 PM	Puerto Rico	10 minutes
3:00-3:10 PM	South Carolina	10 minutes
3:15-3:45 PM	Public Comment: Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, South Carolina	

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Washington, DC, April 4, 1995 --The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announced its Chicago hearing schedule today. The purpose of this regional hearing is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

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ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS
The Rosemont Convention Center
9301 West Bryn Mawr

April 12, 1995

10:00-10:10 a.m.	Opening remarks by Chairman Dixon	
10:10-11:00 a.m.	Illinois	50 minutes
11:05-12:05 p.m.	Missouri	60 minutes
12:10-12:40 p.m.	Public comment: Illinois, Missouri	
12:40-1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Indiana	45 minutes
2:20-3:05 p.m.	Kentucky	45 minutes

3:10-3:50 p.m.	Michigan	40 minutes
3:50-4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:00-4:25 p.m.	Ohio	25 minutes
4:30-4:35 p.m.	Wisconsin	5 minutes
4:40-4:45 p.m.	Kansas	5 minutes
4:50-5:20 p.m.	Public comment: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas	

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Washington, DC, April 5, 1995 -- Alan J. Dixon, Chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will speak at a luncheon for the City Club of Chicago on Thursday, April 13 at the Oak Room, Metropolitan Club at The Sears Tower. This event is open to the public.

President Clinton named former Senator Dixon to chair the third and final round of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The Commission will review a list of domestic military installations recommended for closure or realignment submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

The Commission will transmit its recommendations and report to President Clinton on July 1, 1995. The President will review the Commission's recommendations and either reject or accept them. If accepted, the President will forward the report to Congress for final consideration. Both Houses of Congress must reject the Commission's list in its entirety, or the recommendations become law. Chairman Dixon will speak on the closure process.

The reception will start at 11:30 AM with the lunch set to begin at 12:15 PM. For more information, please contact the City Club of Chicago by calling 312-565-6500.

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April 11, 1995, Washington, DC -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold a public hearing on April 17, 1995 starting at 8:00 AM in the Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216.

At this hearing, the Commission will hear testimony from the General Accounting Office (GAO), as required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. The Commission is scheduled to receive GAO's report on the Department of Defense's recommendations on April 15.

The Commission will also hear testimony from the Department of Defense's Joint Cross Service Groups -- Depot Maintenance, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Medical, Labs, and Test and Evaluation -- and from representatives of the Military Departments and the Defense Logistics Agency.

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 AM-10:00 AM
General Accounting Office

--Mr. Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs, GAO.

--Mr. David Warren, Director, Defense Management and NASA Issues, GAO.

--Mr. Barry W. Holman, Assistant Director, Defense Management and NASA Issues, GAO.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Depot Maintenance

--Mr. James Klugh, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics.

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

--Break

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Undergraduate Pilot Training

--Mr. Louis C. Finch, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Readiness.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Medical

--Edward D. Martin, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Labs, Test and Evaluation

--Mr. Philip E. Coyle, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

--Mr. John A. Burt, Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Testing.

--Dr. Craig Dorman, Deputy Director (Laboratory Management).

Also offering testimony will be:

--Brigadier General James E. Shane, Jr., Director of Management, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army.

--Mr. Charles Nemfakos, Vice Chairman, Navy Base Structure Evaluation Committee.

--Major General Jay D. Blume, Jr., Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Base Realignment and Transition.

--Ms. Marge McManamay, Chief, Defense Logistics Agency BRAC Working Group.

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Washington, DC, April 12, 1995 --The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces its Albuquerque and Dallas regional hearing schedules today. The purpose of these regional hearings is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

For oral testimony at regional hearings, each state will be given a block of time in which to make a presentation for all installations affected in that state. The overall time is determined by the Commission on the basis of the number of affected installations and the direct military and civilian personnel lost in each state.

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DALLAS REGIONAL HEARING
Dallas Convention Center
650 South Griffin Street

April 19, 1995

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Opening remarks	
9:15-11:45 a.m.	Texas	150 minutes
11:50-12:20 p.m.	Public comment: Texas	
12:20-1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:30-2:40 p.m.	Texas	70 minutes
2:45-3:10 p.m.	Oklahoma	25 minutes
3:15-3:40 p.m.	Arkansas	25 minutes
3:45-4:05 p.m.	Public Comment: Oklahoma, Arkansas	

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL HEARING
Albuquerque Convention Center
Northeast Exhibit Hall
401 2nd St, NW

April 20, 1995

8:30-8:40 am	Opening Remarks	
8:40-9:40 am	New Mexico	60 minutes
9:45-11:15 am	Utah	90 minutes
11:20-11:50 am	Public comment: New Mexico, Utah	
11:50-1:00 pm	Break	
1:00-1:55 pm	Colorado	55 minutes
2:00-2:15 pm	Public comment: Colorado	

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Washington, DC, April 21, 1995 --The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces its San Francisco regional hearing schedule today. The purpose of this regional hearing is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

For oral testimony at regional hearings, each state will be given a block of time in which to make a presentation for all installations affected in that state. The overall time is determined by the Commission on the basis of the number of affected installations and the direct military and civilian personnel lost in each state.

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**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
 April 28, 1995**

**The Westin Hotel
 1 Old Bayshore Highway
 Millbrae, California**

1:00-1:10 p.m.	Opening remarks	
1:10-3:10 p.m.	California	120 minutes
3:10-3:20 p.m.	break	
3:20-5:10 p.m.	California	110 minutes
5:10-5:20 p.m.	break	
5:20-6:05 p.m.	California	45 minutes
6:05-6:10 p.m.	break	
6:10-6:40 p.m.	Public comment: California	
6:50-7:20 p.m.	Guam	30 minutes
7:25-7:45 p.m.	Alaska	20 minutes

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Washington, DC, April 27, 1995 --The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces its Baltimore and New York regional hearing schedules today. The purpose of these regional hearings is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Secretary of Defense's recommendations to close or realign domestic military installations.

For oral testimony at regional hearings, each state will be given a block of time in which to make a presentation for all installations affected in that state. The overall time is determined by the Commission on the basis of the number of affected installations and the direct military and civilian personnel lost in each state.

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**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
The Fieldhouse
5401 Wilkens Avenue
May 4, 1995**

8:30-8:40 a.m.	Opening remarks	
8:40-10:50 a.m.	Maryland	130 minutes
10:50-11:00 a.m.	break	
11:00- 11:55 a.m.	Pennsylvania	55 minutes
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Public comment: Maryland, Pennsylvania	
12:30-1:35 p.m.	break	
1:35-3:25 p.m.	Pennsylvania	110 minutes
3:25-3:35 p.m.	break	
3:35-5:15 p.m.	Virginia	100 minutes
5:20-5:40 p.m.	North Carolina	20 minutes
5:45-5:50 p.m.	West Virginia	5 minutes
5:55-6:15 p.m.	Public comment: Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia	

**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
USS Intrepid
Sea Air Space Museum
West 46th Street and 12th Avenue
Hudson River
May 5, 1995**

8:30-8:40 a.m.	Opening remarks	
8:40-10:25 a.m.	New York	105 minutes
10:25-10:35 a.m.	break	
10:35-12:05 p.m.	Connecticut	90 minutes
12:05-12:35 p.m.	Public comment: New York, Connecticut	
12:35-1:30 p.m.	break	
1:30-3:30 p.m.	New Jersey	120 minutes
3:35-4:05 p.m.	Massachusetts	30 minutes
4:10-4:40 p.m.	Public comment: New Jersey, Massachusetts	

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Washington, DC -- May 3, 1995: The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:30 AM on May 10, 1995 in the Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216 to consider adding domestic military bases to the Secretary of Defense's list of installations to be closed or realigned.

A majority vote of commissioners present is required to add a new base to the list for closure or realignment, or to increase the scope of a realignment already recommended by the Secretary of Defense.

The format for the hearing will be as follows: DBCRC staff will appear as witnesses, under oath, to brief commissioners regarding bases that have been analyzed since March 1, 1995 for possible addition to the list.

The Air Force briefing will be first, followed by the Navy, Army, and Defense Logistics Agency.

When the list of additions is complete, the Commission will develop a schedule of base visits and regional hearings aimed at gathering more data on the added installations. Those hearings and visits will be completed by June 9.

On June 12 and 13, the Commission will conduct hearings in Washington, D.C., at which members of Congress will testify regarding proposed closures and realignments.

The full Commission is tentatively scheduled to begin its final voting on June 22, in Washington, D.C.

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INFORMATION PACKET

May 10, 1995

Hearing to Consider Additions to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment List

Schedule of Presentations

- **Joint Cross Service Group**
- **Air Force Team**
- **Navy Team**
- **Army Team**

Attachments

- **Bases to be Considered**
- **Witness List**
- **Opening Statement of Chairman Alan J. Dixon**



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MEDIA ADVISORY

May 10, 1995 -- Washington, DC -- The following installations will be briefed to the Commission today for possible addition to the closure and realignment list.

Department of the Army (5)

Space and Strategic Defense Command, ALABAMA

Oakland Army Base, CALIFORNIA

Fort Holabird, MARYLAND

Letterkenny Army Depot, PENNSYLVANIA

Tobyhanna Army Depot, PENNSYLVANIA

Department of the Navy (8)

Engineering Field Activity, Western Division, San Bruno, CALIFORNIA

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, CALIFORNIA

Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, CALIFORNIA

Naval Warfare Assessment Detachment, Corona, CALIFORNIA

Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair, San Francisco, CALIFORNIA

Naval Air Station, Atlanta, GEORGIA

Public Works Center, GUAM

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, MAINE

Department of the Air Force (19)

McClellan Air Force Base, CALIFORNIA
Homestead Air Reserve Station, FLORIDA
Robins Air Force Base, GEORGIA
O'Hare Air Reserve Station, ILLINOIS
Minneapolis Air Reserve Station, MINNESOTA
Columbus Air Force Base, MISSISSIPPI
Malmstrom Air Force Base, MONTANA
Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, NEW YORK
Grand Forks Air Force Base, NORTH DAKOTA
Minot Air Force Base, NORTH DAKOTA
Youngstown-Warren Air Reserve Station, OHIO
Tinker Air Force Base, OKLAHOMA
Vance Air Force Base, OKLAHOMA
Kelly Air Force Base, TEXAS
Carswell Air Force Base, TEXAS
Laughlin Air Force Base, TEXAS
Hill Air Force Base, UTAH
General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, WISCONSIN
Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, WYOMING

Defense Logistics Agency (6)

Defense Distribution Depot, McClellan, CALIFORNIA
Defense Distribution Depot, Warner-Robins, GEORGIA
Defense Distribution Depot, Oklahoma City, OKLAHOMA
Defense Distribution Depot, Tobyhanna, PENNSYLVANIA
Defense Distribution Depot, San Antonio, TEXAS
Defense Distribution Depot Hill, UTAH

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POTENTIAL WITNESSES

May 10, 1995

The following staff members of the Commission will testify before Commissioners, as required.

David Lyles, Staff Director
Ben Borden, Director of Review and
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Ed Brown, Army Team Leader
Rick Brown, Army Senior Analyst
J.J. Gertler, Army Senior Analyst
Steve Bailey, Army DoD Analyst
Bob Miller, Army DoD Analyst
David Lewis, Army GAO Analyst
Mike Kennedy, Army GAO Analyst
Cliff Wooten, Army Analyst

NAVY TEAM

Alex Yellin, Navy Team Leader
Larry Jackson, Navy Senior Analyst
Jeff Mulliner, Navy Senior Analyst
Doyle Reedy, Navy GAO Analyst
Eric Lindenbaum, Navy DoD Analyst
Jim Brubaker, Navy DoD Analyst
David Epstein, Navy GAO Analyst
James Landrith, Navy Analyst

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Dave Olson, Air Force Senior Analyst
Rick DiCamillo, Air Force DoD Analyst
Merrill Beyer, Air Force DoD Analyst
Craig Hall, Air Force GAO Analyst
Mark Pross, Air Force GAO Analyst
Steve Ackerman, Air Force Analyst

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Bob Bivens, Interagency COBRA Analyst
Dave Henry, Interagency DoC Analyst
Deirdre Nurre, Interagency EPA Analyst
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Marilyn Wasleski, Interagency GAO
Analyst
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Les Farrington, Cross Service GAO Analyst
Dick Helmer, Cross Service GAO Analyst
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OPENING STATEMENT

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to Closure and Realignment List**

**216 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.**

May 10, 1995

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S HEARING OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION. I AM ALAN J. DIXON, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REGARDING THE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT OF DOMESTIC MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

WITH ME TODAY ARE ALL MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COMMISSION: COMMISSIONERS AL CORNELLA, REBECCA COX, GENERAL J.B. DAVIS, S. LEE KLING, ADMIRAL BEN MONTOYA, GENERAL JOE ROBLES AND WENDI STEELE.

AT TODAY'S HEARING, WE WILL DISCUSS -- AND VOTE ON -- WHETHER TO ADD ANY OTHER BASES TO THE LIST OF INSTALLATIONS SUGGESTED FOR CLOSURE OR REALIGNMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN THE LIST HE GAVE THIS COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 28.

TODAY'S HEARING IS THE CULMINATION OF A 10-WEEK PERIOD IN WHICH THIS COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF HAVE WORKED INTENSELY TO ANALYZE THE SECRETARY'S LIST TO SEE IF ADDITIONS SHOULD BE MADE.

IN THE 72 DAYS SINCE WE RECEIVED THE LIST WE HAVE CONDUCTED NINE INVESTIGATIVE HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON – 10 COUNTING TODAY.

WE HAVE TAKEN SOME 55 HOURS OF TESTIMONY AT 11 REGIONAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING ALASKA AND GUAM. AT THOSE HEARINGS, WE HEARD PRESENTATIONS FROM COMMUNITIES FROM 32 STATES PLUS GUAM AND PUERTO RICO.

AMONG THE EIGHT COMMISSIONERS, WE HAVE MADE 107 VISITS TO 55 BASES ON THE SECRETARY'S LIST, AND COMMISSION STAFF HAS MADE ANOTHER 68 BASE VISITS TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

IT IS AN EXTREMELY LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK TO DO IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, BUT THAT IS THE WAY THE STATUTE SET UP THIS PROCESS. AS ONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WRITING THAT LAW, I BELIEVE IT HAS WORKED VERY WELL IN THE TWO PREVIOUS ROUNDS AND WILL WORK WELL THIS TIME.

INCIDENTALLY, LET ME SAY THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE BASE CLOSURE LAW IS ITS REQUIREMENT THAT EVERYTHING THIS COMMISSION DOES BE DONE IN AN OPEN WAY.

AND SO I WILL REMIND YOU THAT ALL DOCUMENTATION WE RECEIVE IS AVAILABLE AT OUR LIBRARY FOR EXAMINATION BY ANYONE. THAT INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE, ALL THE DATA FROM THE PENTAGON, TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL OUR HEARINGS, STAFF REPORTS ON ALL OUR BASE VISITS AND LOGS OF EVERY MEETING WE HAVE HAD IN OUR OFFICES WITH INTERESTED PARTIES SINCE THIS ROUND BEGAN ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO OPENNESS AND FAIRNESS IN THIS DIFFICULT PROCESS AND WE URGE ALL COMMUNITIES ON THE LIST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES OUR LIBRARY PROVIDES.

AS MOST OF YOU MAY KNOW, THE BASE CLOSURE LAW GIVES THIS COMMISSION FAIRLY BROAD AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE SECRETARY'S CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT LIST. WE CAN REMOVE BASES FROM THE LIST -- AND I AM SURE SOME WILL BE REMOVED WHEN WE CONDUCT OUR FINAL DELIBERATIONS IN LATE JUNE.

WE CAN ALSO ADD BASES TO THE LIST FOR CONSIDERATION, AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR TODAY.

LET ME STRESS THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE A BASE IS ADDED TO THE LIST TODAY DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL CLOSE OR BE REALIGNED. IT MEANS THAT THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT A FULLER EVALUATION OF THE MILITARY VALUE AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARTICULAR BASE IS A REASONABLE THING TO UNDERTAKE AT THIS TIME.

WE KNOW THE IMPACT OF OUR ACTIONS TODAY ON COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES. WE DO NOT MAKE ADDITIONS TO THE LIST LIGHTLY. BUT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COMMISSION TO SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT BY JULY FIRST THE BEST POSSIBLE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT LIST.

IN OUR VIEW, THE BEST POSSIBLE LIST IS ONE WHICH REDUCES OUR DEFENSE INFRASTRUCTURE IN A DELIBERATE WAY THAT THAT WILL IMPROVE OUR LONG-TERM MILITARY READINESS AND INSURE THAT WE ARE SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY.

NOW LET ME EXPLAIN HOW WE WILL PROCEED TODAY.

OUR WITNESSES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN ANALYZING THE SECRETARY'S LIST SINCE MARCH 1. STARTING WITH A UNIVERSE THAT INCLUDED EVERY INSTALLATION NOT ON THAT LIST, THEY HAVE RECEIVED INPUT FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES, INCLUDING COMMISSIONERS, COMMUNITIES, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND MANY OTHERS.

AS A RESULT OF THEIR WORK, THEY WILL BRIEF US TODAY REGARDING A NUMBER OF INSTALLATIONS. IT WILL BE THE COMMISSIONERS' JOB TO LISTEN, TO ASK QUESTIONS AND DECIDE WHETHER TO ADD A BASE TO THE LIST.

AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL WITNESSES BEFORE THIS COMMISSION, OUR STAFF PEOPLE WILL BE UNDER OATH TODAY.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION ON EACH INSTALLATION, I WILL ASK IF ANY COMMISSIONER WISHES TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD THAT BASE TO THE LIST. IF A COMMISSIONER DOES SO WISH, THERE NEEDS TO BE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION.

ANY MOTIONS YOU HEAR TODAY WILL BE STRAIGHTFORWARD. TO GIVE THE COMMISSION THE GREATEST POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY IN EVALUATING BASES OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS, THERE WILL BE ONLY TWO TYPES OF MOTIONS TODAY.

THE FIRST TYPE ADDRESSES BASES ALREADY ON THE SECRETARY'S LIST FOR SOME KIND OF ACTION. THAT MOTION WILL BE "TO INCREASE THE EXTENT OF THE REALIGNMENT OR TO CLOSE."

THE SECOND TYPE ADDRESSES INSTALLATIONS NOT ON THE SECRETARY'S ORIGINAL LIST. THAT MOTION WILL BE "TO CLOSE OR REALIGN."

TO PASS A MOTION REQUIRES A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS VOTING. FOR EXAMPLE, IF ALL EIGHT COMMISSIONERS VOTE, IT TAKES FIVE VOTES TO ADD A BASE TO THE LIST. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE, THE MOTION FAILS.

IF ONE OR MORE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD RECUSE HIM OR HERSELF FROM VOTING ON A PARTICULAR BASE, IT TAKES A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING TO ADD A BASE TO THE LIST.

TO GIVE OURSELVES MAXIMUM TIME, WE HAVE SCHEDULED NO LUNCH BREAK. COMMISSIONERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA WHEN THE HEARING IS OVER.

WHEN OUR WORK IS COMPLETED TODAY, THE COMMISSION STAFF WILL QUICKLY BEGIN TO DEVISE THE SCHEDULE OF BASE VISITS AND REGIONAL HEARINGS THAT FLOW FROM TODAY'S DECISIONS. AGAIN, WE PLEDGE THAT AT LEAST ONE COMMISSIONER WILL VISIT EVERY BASE ADDED TO THE LIST TODAY AND REGIONAL HEARINGS WILL BE HELD SO THAT CITIZENS FROM EVERY AFFECTED COMMUNITY MAY TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

ON JUNE 12 AND 13 HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE WILL CONDUCT TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS AT WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL TESTIFY REGARDING THE LIST. WE WILL ALSO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY REGARDING OUR ADDITIONS, ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED. WE WILL BEGIN OUR FINAL DELIBERATIONS ON JUNE 22.

WITH THAT, I BELIEVE WE ARE READY TO BEGIN. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE COMMISSION STAFF MEMBERS WHO MAY BE TESTIFYING TODAY TO STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HANDS SO THAT I CAN SWEAR YOU IN. THEN, I WILL RECOGNIZE THE COMMISSION'S STAFF DIRECTOR, DAVID S. LYLES, TO BEGIN THE STAFF PRESENTATIONS.

DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE TESTIMONY YOUR ARE ABOUT TO GIVE BEFORE THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?

MR. LYLES, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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COMMISSION ADDS 31 NEW BASES TO CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT LIST

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 10, 1995 – The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission today voted to add 31 military installations to the list of bases it is reviewing for realignment or closure.

In a hearing in Washington, D.C., the eight-member commission also voted to evaluate for greater realignment or complete closure 4 bases that were recommended only for realignment by the Secretary of Defense when he submitted his list to the Commission February 28.

“Just because a base was added to the list today doesn’t mean it will close or be realigned,” said former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon, the commission chairman. “It means the commission believes a fuller evaluation of the base is a reasonable thing to undertake at this time.

“We do not make additions to the list lightly, but it is the responsibility of the commission to submit to the President by July 1 the best possible closure and realignment list,” Dixon said.

The commission’s actions today affected bases in two overall categories: those that were not on the Secretary’s February list and those that were.

Those that were not on the list were added today “for realignment or closure.” Those that were on the list were added “for further realignment or closure.” “Further realignment” means an action that will result in greater job loss at the installation than contemplated by the Secretary’s list.

Between now and June 11, the commissioners will visit bases added to the list today and conduct regional hearings at which the affected communities will be able to testify regarding the base. Members of Congress will testify before the commission June 12-13 in Washington, D.C. and a date will be set for Defense Department officials to testify regarding the added bases.

The commission will begin its final deliberations June 22 in Washington.

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Here is the list of bases added to the list today:

BASES NEWLY ADDED FOR REALIGNMENT OR CLOSURE - 31

AIR FORCE (13)

Chicago O'Hare IAP Air Reserve Station	Chicago, ILLINOIS
Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP Air Reserve Station	Minneapolis, MINNESOTA
Columbus Air Force Base	Columbus, MISSISSIPPI
Niagara Falls IAP Air Reserve Station	Niagara Falls, NEW YORK
Youngstown-Warren MAP Air Reserve Station	Youngstown, OHIO
Vance Air Force Base	Enid, OKLAHOMA
Carswell Air Reserve Station	Fort Worth, TEXAS
Laughlin Air Force Base	Del Rio, TEXAS
General Mitchell Air Reserve Station	Milwaukee, WISCONSIN
McClellan Air Force Base	Sacramento, CALIFORNIA
Robins Air Force Base	Warner-Robins, GEORGIA
Tinker Air Force Base	Oklahoma City, OKLAHOMA
Kelly Air Force Base	San Antonio, TEXAS

ARMY (4)

Space and Strategic Defense Command (Leased Facilities)	Huntsville, ALABAMA
Oakland Army Base	Oakland, CALIFORNIA
Fort Holabird	Baltimore, MARYLAND
Tobyhanna Army Depot	Wilkes-Barre, PENNSYLVANIA

NAVY (8)

Engineering Field Activity, West	San Bruno, CALIFORNIA
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center	Oakland, CALIFORNIA
Naval Air Station Point Mugu	Oxnard, CALIFORNIA
Naval Warfare Assessment Division	Corona, CALIFORNIA
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair	San Francisco, CALIFORNIA
Naval Air Station	Atlanta, GEORGIA
Public Works Center	GUAM
Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard	Kittery, MAINE

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DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (6)

Defense Distribution Depot McClellan	Sacramento, CALIFORNIA
Defense Distribution Depot Warner-Robins	Warner-Robins, GEORGIA
Defense Distribution Depot Okla. City	Oklahoma City, OKLAHOMA
Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna	Wilkes-Barre, PENNSYLVANIA
Defense Distribution Depot San Antonio	San Antonio, TEXAS
Defense Distribution Depot Hill	Ogden, UTAH

BASES ON THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT LIST

ADDED TODAY BY THE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER REALIGNMENT OR CLOSURE - 4

AIR FORCE (3)

Homestead Air Reserve Station	Florida City, FLORIDA
Grand Forks Air Force Base	Grand Forks, NORTH DAKOTA
Hill Air Force Base	Ogden, Utah

ARMY (1)

Letterkenny Army Depot	Letterkenny, PENNSYLVANIA
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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES REGIONAL HEARING SCHEDULE

Five regional hearings to be held between May 25 and June 10

WASHINGTON, DC, May 15, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces its schedule of 5 regional hearings to be held around the country. The purpose of these Regional Hearings is to receive testimony from communities affected by the Commission's May 10 recommendations to add 35 bases to the list of installations being considered for closure or realignment.

For oral testimony at regional hearings, each state will be given a block of time in which to make a presentations for all installations affected in that state. The overall time is determined by the Commission on the basis of the number of affected installations and the direct military and civilian personnel lost in each state.

Today's announcement includes the dates, times, and the cities the hearings will be held.

Each major base on this list will receive a visit by at least one Commissioner. Base visits provide an opportunity for Commissioners to view a base directly and to investigate first-hand many of the issues related to that base. Specific base visit dates will be announced soon.

There will be congressional hearings on June 12 and June 13 at which members of Congress will have an opportunity to present their views before the Commission. The Commission will hear from DoD officials regarding the Commission's adds list on June 14.

The list of hearings:

May 25	San Francisco, California
May 31	Chicago, Illinois
June 3	Boston, Massachusetts
June 9	Atlanta, Georgia
June 10	Dallas, Texas

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Here is the list of which installations fall under which regional hearing:

May 25 (Location: San Francisco)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair	San Francisco, CA
Engineering Field Activity, West	San Bruno, CA
McClellan AFB	Sacramento, CA
Oakland Army Base	Oakland, CA
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center	Oakland, CA
NAWC Point Mugu	Oxnard, CA
Naval Warfare Assessment Detachment	Corona, CA
Hill AFB	Ogden, UT
Public Works Center	GUAM

May 31 (Location: Chicago)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Grand Forks AFB	Grand Forks, ND
Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP Air Reserve Station	Minneapolis, MN
Chicago O'Hare IAP Air Reserve Station	Chicago, IL
Youngstown-Warren MPT Air Reserve Station	Youngstown, OH
General Mitchell IAP Air Reserve Station	Milwaukee, WI

June 3 (Location: Boston)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Tobyhanna Army Depot	Tobyhanna, PA
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Portsmouth, NH
Letterkenny Army Depot	Letterkenny, PA
Fort Holabird	Baltimore, MD
Niagara Falls IAP Air Reserve Station	Niagara, NY

June 9 (Location: Atlanta)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Space and Strategic Defense Command	Huntsville, AL
NAS Atlanta	Atlanta, GA
Robins AFB	Warner-Robins, GA
Columbus AFB	Columbus, MS
Homestead AFB	Florida City, FL

June 10 (Location: Dallas)

Regional hearing regarding the following installations:

Vance AFB	Enid, OK
Tinker AFB	Oklahoma City, OK
Kelly AFB	San Antonio, TX
Carswell ARS	Fort Worth, TX
Laughlin AFB	Del Rio, TX

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The schedule of each regional hearing follows:

**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

May 25, 1995

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks	
9:10-11:25 a.m.	California	135 minutes
11:25-11:30 a.m.	break	
11:30-12:15 p.m.	California	45 minutes
12:15-1:15 p.m.	break	
1:15-2:35 p.m.	California	80 minutes
2:35-2:40 p.m.	break	
2:40-3:14 p.m.	Public comment: California	
3:14-3:20 p.m.	break	
3:20-4:35 p.m.	Utah	75 minutes
4:35-4:40 p.m.	break	
4:40-5:05 p.m.	Guam	25 minutes
5:05-5:10 p.m.	break	
5:10-5:34 p.m.	Public comment: Utah, Guam	

**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

May 31, 1995

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Opening remarks	
9:10-9:35 a.m.	Illinois	25 minutes
9:35-9:40 a.m.	break	
9:40-10:05 a.m.	Wisconsin	25 minutes
10:05-10:10 a.m.	break	
10:10-10:35 a.m.	Minnesota	25 minutes
10:35-10:40 a.m.	break	
10:40-11:05 a.m.	Ohio	25 minutes
11:05-11:10 a.m.	break	
11:10-11:50 a.m.	Public comment: Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio	
11:50-12:00 p.m.	break	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	North Dakota	60 minutes
1:00-1:05 p.m.	break	
1:05-1:21 p.m.	Public comment: North Dakota	

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**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

June 3, 1995

8:30-8:40 a.m.	Opening remarks	
8:40-9:40 a.m.	Maine	60 minutes
9:40-9:45 a.m.	break	
9:45-10:05 a.m.	Public comment: Maine	
10:05-10:15 a.m.	break	
10:15-12:00 p.m.	Pennsylvania	105 minutes
12:00-12:05 p.m.	break	
12:05-12:30 p.m.	New York	25 minutes
12:30-12:35 p.m.	break	
12:35-1:09 p.m.	Public comment: Pennsylvania, New York	

**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
ATLANTA, GA**

June 9, 1995

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Opening remarks	
9:10-10:50 a.m.	Georgia	100 minutes
10:50-10:55 a.m.	break	
10:55-11:20 a.m.	Alabama	25 minutes
11:20-11:25 a.m.	break	
11:25-12:00 p.m.	Public comment: Georgia, Alabama	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	break	
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Mississippi	45 minutes
1:45-1:50 p.m.	break	
1:50-2:15 p.m.	Florida	25 minutes
2:15-2:20 p.m.	break	
2:20-2:46 p.m.	Public comment: Mississippi, Florida	

**SCHEDULE FOR REGIONAL HEARING
DALLAS, TX**

June 10, 1995

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Opening remarks	
9:10-11:35 a.m.	Texas	145 minutes
11:35-11:40 a.m.	break	
11:40-12:04 p.m.	Public comment: Texas	
12:04-1:00 p.m.	break	
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Oklahoma	120 minutes
3:00-3:05 p.m.	break	
3:05-3:25 p.m.	Public comment: Oklahoma	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Please call the Commission to confirm dates, times, and locations prior to each event. Individuals needing special assistance should contact the Commission in advance of each event to facilitate their requirements.

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BASE VISIT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED BY COMMISSION

27 Bases To Be Visited

Washington, DC, May 16, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announced its schedule for visits to bases being considered for realignment and closure as a result of the Commission's May 10 decision to add bases to the Secretary of Defense's list. All dates are subject to change.

Twenty-seven major installations proposed for closure or realignment are currently scheduled to receive a base visit by one or more Commissioners. Base visits provide an opportunity for Commissioners to view a base directly and to investigate first-hand many of the issues related to the military value of the base. The Base Public Affairs Officer should be contacted for visit specifics.

Scheduled visits as of today (a visit to Homestead AFB, Florida will be added to the schedule):

May 22 -- McClellan AFB, CA	May 30 -- Niagara Falls IAP ARS, NY
May 23 -- San Bruno EFAW, CA	-- Youngtown-Warren MAP ARS,
-- SUPSHIP, CA	OH
-- NWAD Corona, CA	June 1 -- Letterkenny Army Depot, PA
-- FISC, CA	-- Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA
-- Oakland Army Base, CA	June 2 -- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, ME
May 24 -- Hill AFB, UT	June 5 -- NAS Atlanta, GA
May 26 -- McClellan AFB, CA	-- Robins AFB, GA
-- Grand Forks AFB, ND	-- Carswell ARS, TX
May 30 -- General Mitchell ARS, WI	June 6 -- Kelly AFB, TX
-- Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP ARS,	June 7 -- Laughlin AFB, TX
MN	-- Tinker AFB, OK
-- O'Hare IAP ARS, IL	June 8 -- Vance AFB, OK
-- NAWC Pt. Mugu, CA/China	-- Columbus AFB, MS
Lake, CA	-- Space & Strategic Defense
	Command, Huntsville, AL

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The Commission's regional hearing schedule, announced May 15, is as follows. Specific locations to be determined.

May 25	San Francisco, California	9:00 AM -- 5:30 PM
May 31	Chicago, Illinois	9:00 AM -- 1:30 PM
June 3	Boston, Massachusetts	8:30 AM -- 1:15 PM
June 9	Atlanta, Georgia	9:00 AM -- 2:45 PM
June 10	Dallas, Texas	9:00 AM -- 3:30 PM

Interested persons should contact the Commission prior to visits for confirmation of dates and the Commissioner(s) attending each visit.

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BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

Over 200 Members of Congress to testify on June 12 and June 13

WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 5, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission today announced it schedule for two days of Congressional hearings to be held on Capitol Hill. The purpose of these hearings is to receive testimony from Members of Congress who have requested to speak on behalf of their installations which face realignment or closure.

The June 12 hearing will begin at 8:30 am in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building. The June 13 hearing will begin at 8:30 am in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

Department of Defense officials will testify before the Commission regarding the Secretary of Defense's list and on additions by the Commission to his list on June 14 in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. Further information on this hearing will be released this week.

A list of the Members scheduled to testify on June 12 and June 13 follows:
(Schedule is subject to change).

**DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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8:30-8:35 Opening remarks

NEW MEXICO

8:35-8:40 Sen. Pete Domenici
8:40-8:45 Sen. Jeff Bingaman
8:45-8:50 Rep. Joe Skeen
8:50-8:55 Rep. Bill Richardson
8:55-9:00 Rep. Steve Schiff

SOUTH CAROLINA

9:03-9:08 Sen. Strom Thurmond
9:08-9:13 Sen. Ernest Hollings
9:13-9:18 Rep. Mark Sanford
9:18-9:23 Rep. James Clyburn

ALABAMA

9:26-9:31 Sen. Howell Heflin
9:31-9:36 Rep. Glen Browder
9:36-9:41 Rep. Tom Bevill

ALASKA

9:44-9:49 Sen. Ted Stevens
9:49-9:54 Sen. Frank Murkowski
9:54-9:59 Rep. Don Young

ARKANSAS

10:02-10:07 Sen. Dale Bumpers
10:07-10:12 Sen. David Pryor
10:12-10:17 Rep. Jay Dickey

CALIFORNIA

10:20-10:25 Sen. Dianne Feinstein
10:25-10:30 Sen. Barbara Boxer
10:30-10:35 Rep. Vic Fazio
10:35-10:40 Rep. Wally Herger
10:40-10:45 Rep. John Doolittle
10:45-10:50 Rep. Robert Matsui
10:50-10:55 Rep. Richard Pombo
10:55-11:00 Rep. Anna Eshoo
11:00-11:05 Rep. Sam Farr
11:05-11:10 Rep. Andrea Seastrand
11:10-11:15 Rep. Tony Beilenson
11:15-11:20 Rep. Walter Tucker
11:20-11:25 Rep. Julian Dixon
11:25-11:30 Rep. Esteban Torres
11:30-11:35 Rep. Dana Rohrabacher
11:35-11:40 Rep. Ken Calvert
11:40-11:45 Rep. George Brown

COLORADO

11:48-11:53 Sen. Hank Brown
11:53-11:58 Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell
11:58-12:03 Rep. Pat Schroeder
12:03-12:08 Rep. Dan Schaefer
12:08-12:13 Rep. David Skaggs

CONNECTICUT

12:16-12:21 Sen. Chris Dodd
12:21-12:26 Sen. Joe Lieberman
12:26-12:31 Rep. Chris Shays

FLORIDA

12:34-12:39 Sen. Bob Graham
12:39-12:44 Rep. Joe Scarborough
12:44-12:49 Rep. Bill McCollum
12:49-12:54 Rep. Bill Young
12:54-12:59 Rep. Dave Weldon
12:59-1:04 Rep. Carrie Meek

GEORGIA

1:07-1:12 Sen. Sam Nunn
1:12-1:17 Sen. Paul Coverdell
1:17-1:22 Rep. Newt Gingrich
1:22-1:27 Rep. Bob Barr
1:27-1:32 Rep. Mac Collins
1:32-1:37 Rep. Saxby Chambliss
1:37-1:42 Rep. Sanford Bishop
1:42-1:47 Rep. Cynthia McKinney

GUAM

1:50-1:55 Del. Robert Underwood

ILLINOIS

1:58-2:03 Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun
2:03-2:08 Rep. Richard Durbin
2:08-2:13 Rep. Jerry Costello
2:13-2:18 Rep. Don Manzullo
2:18-2:23 Rep. Lane Evans
2:23-2:28 Sen. Paul Simon

INDIANA

2:31-2:36 Sen. Dan Coats
2:36-2:41 Rep. Dan Burton
2:41-2:46 Rep. John Hostettler
2:46-2:51 Rep. Lee Hamilton

KENTUCKY

2:54-2:59 Sen. Wendell Ford
2:59-3:04 Sen. Mitch McConnell
3:04-3:09 Rep. Mike Ward
3:09-3:14 Rep. Ron Lewis

MAINE

3:17-3:22 Sen. Bill Cohen
3:22-3:27 Sen. Olympia Snowe
3:27-3:32 Rep. James Longley
3:32-3:37 Rep. John Baldacci

NEW HAMPSHIRE

3:40-3:45 Sen. Bob Smith
3:45-3:50 Sen. Judd Gregg
3:50-3:55 Rep. Bill Zeliff
3:55-4:00 Rep. Charlie Bass

MARYLAND

4:03-4:08 Sen. Paul Sarbanes
4:08-4:13 Sen. Barbara Mikulski
4:13-4:18 Rep. Wayne Gilchrest
4:18-4:23 Rep. Robert Ehrlich
4:23-4:28 Rep. Kweisi Mfume
4:28-4:33 Rep. Al Wynn
4:33-4:38 Rep. Steny Hoyer
4:38-4:43 Rep. Roscoe Bartlett
4:43-4:48 Rep. Benjamin Cardin

MASSACHUSETTS

4:51-4:56 Sen. Ted Kennedy
 4:56-5:01 Rep. Gerry Studds

MICHIGAN

5:04-5:09 Sen. Carl Levin
 5:09-5:14 Rep. David Bonior
 5:14-5:19 Rep. Sander Levin

MINNESOTA

5:22-5:27 Rep. Martin Sabo
 5:27-5:32 Rep. Bruce Vento

5:35-5:40 Rep. Steve Horn
 5:40-5:45 Rep. Elton Gallegly
 5:45-5:50 Rep. Eva Clayton

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 CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

JUNE 13, 1995

216 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

8:30-8:35 Opening remarks

MISSISSIPPI

8:35-8:40 Sen. Thad Cochran
 8:40-8:45 Sen. Trent Lott
 8:45-8:50 Rep. Sonny Montgomery

MISSOURI

8:53-8:58 Sen. Kit Bond
 8:58-9:03 Sen. John Ashcroft
 9:03-9:08 Rep. Dick Gephardt
 9:08-9:13 Rep. William Clay
 9:13-9:18 Rep. James Talent
 9:18-9:23 Rep. Ike Skelton

MONTANA

9:26-9:31 Sen. Max Baucus
 9:31-9:36 Sen. Conrad Burns
 9:36-9:41 Rep. Pat Williams

NEW JERSEY

9:44-9:49 Sen. Bill Bradley
 9:49-9:54 Sen. Frank Lautenberg
 9:54-9:59 Rep. Jim Saxton
 9:59-10:04 Rep. Chris Smith
 10:04-10:09 Rep. Frank Pallone
 10:09-10:14 Rep. Robert Menendez

NEW YORK

10:17-10:22 Sen. Pat Moynihan
 10:22-10:27 Sen. Al D'Amato
 10:27-10:32 Rep. Gary Ackerman
 10:32-10:37 Rep. Susan Molinari
 10:37-10:42 Rep. Sherwood Boehlert
 10:42-10:47 Rep. Jack Quinn
 10:47-10:52 Rep. John LaFalce

NORTH CAROLINA

10:55-11:00 Sen. Lauch Faircloth
 11:00-11:05 Rep. Walter Jones

NORTH DAKOTA

11:08-11:13 Sen. Kent Conrad
 11:13-11:18 Sen. Byron Dorgan
 11:18-11:23 Rep. Earl Pomeroy

OHIO

11:26-11:31 Sen. John Glenn
 11:31-11:36 Sen. Mike Dewine
 11:36-11:41 Rep. Tony Hall
 11:41-11:46 Rep. David Hobson
 11:46-11:51 Rep. Jim Traficant
 11:51-11:56 Rep. Rob Portman
 11:56-12:01 Rep. John Kasich

OKLAHOMA

12:04-12:09 Sen. Don Nickles
 12:09-12:14 Sen. Jim Inhofe
 12:14-12:19 Rep. Bill Brewster
 12:19-12:24 Rep. J.C. Watts
 12:24-12:29 Rep. Ernest Istook
 12:29-12:34 Rep. Frank Lucas

PENNSYLVANIA

12:37-12:42 Sen. Arlen Specter
 12:42-12:47 Sen. Rick Santorum
 12:47-12:52 Rep. Tom Foglietta
 12:52-12:57 Rep. Robert Borski
 12:57-1:02 Rep. Ron Klink
 1:02-1:07 Rep. Tim Holden
 1:07-1:12 Rep. Curt Weldon
 1:12-1:17 Rep. James Greenwood
 1:17-1:22 Rep. Bud Shuster
 1:22-1:27 Rep. Jon Fox

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1:27-1:32 Rep. William Coyne
1:32-1:37 Rep. Mike Doyle
1:37-1:42 Rep. Frank Mascara
1:42-1:47 Rep. Phil English

PUERTO RICO

1:50-1:55 Rep. Carlos Romero-Barcelo

RHODE ISLAND

1:58-2:03 Sen. Claiborne Pell
2:03-2:08 Sen. John Chafee
2:08-2:13 Rep. Jack Reed

TENNESSEE

2:16-2:21 Sen. Bill Frist
2:21-2:26 Sen. Fred Thompson
2:26-2:31 Rep. Bart Gordon
2:31-2:36 Rep. Harold Ford
2:36-2:41 Rep. Ed Bryant

TEXAS

2:44-2:49 Sen. Phil Gramm
2:49-2:54 Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
2:54-2:59 Rep. Jim Chapman
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3:04-3:09 Rep. Lloyd Doggett
3:09-3:14 Rep. Pete Geren
3:14-3:19 Rep. Charles Stenholm
3:19-3:24 Rep. Larry Combest
3:24-3:29 Rep. Henry Gonzalez
3:29-3:34 Rep. Lamar Smith
3:34-3:39 Rep. Henry Bonilla
3:39-3:44 Rep. Martin Frost
3:44-3:49 Rep. Frank Tejeda
3:49-3:54 Rep. Greg Laughlin

UTAH

3:57-4:02 Sen. Orrin Hatch
4:02-4:07 Sen. Bob Bennett
4:07-4:12 Rep. Jim Hansen
4:12-4:17 Rep. Enid Waldholtz

VIRGINIA

4:20-4:25 Sen. John Warner
4:25-4:30 Sen. Chuck Robb
4:30-4:35 Rep. Owen Pickett
4:35-4:40 Rep. Bobby Scott
4:40-4:45 Rep. Norm Sisisky
4:45-4:50 Rep. Jim Moran
4:50-4:55 Rep. Frank Wolf

WISCONSIN

4:58-5:03 Sen. Herb Kohl
5:03-5:08 Rep. Gerald Kleczka
5:08-5:13 Rep. Thomas Barrett

5:16-5:21 Sen. Richard Shelby
5:21-5:26 Rep. Bud Cramer
5:26-5:31 Rep. Tom Lantos
5:31-5:36 Rep. Maxine Waters
5:36-5:41 Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard
5:41-5:46 Rep. Jane Harman
5:46-5:51 Rep. Sam Gejdenson
5:51-5:56 Rep. Rosa DeLauro
5:56-6:01 Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
6:01-6:06 Rep. Charles Canady
6:06-6:11 Rep. Andy Jacobs
6:11-6:16 Sen. John Kerry
6:16-6:21 Rep. Tim Hutchinson

**OTHER MEMBERS OFFERING
TESTIMONY:**

Sen. Connie Mack
Sen. Russ Feingold
Rep. Sonny Bono
Rep. George Gekas
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**BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY
FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS**

WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 7, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission today announced the schedule for its Wednesday, June 14, 1995, hearing with Department of Defense officials. The hearing will be held from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM in 216 Hart Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing will be to allow Defense Department officials to testify regarding the additional bases added to the closure and realignment list by the Commission on May 10th. In addition, Commissioners may have questions on the Defense Department's original recommendations as a result of base visits and regional hearings held by the Commission over the past three months.

All military installations currently being considered for closure or realignment may be discussed at this hearing.

The schedule for the hearing is as follows:

Army	8:30 AM --10:00 AM
Air Force	10:15 AM --11:45 AM
Navy	1:00 PM -- 2:30 PM
OSD/DLA	2:30 PM -- 3:30 PM

The following officials from the Department of Defense scheduled to offer testimony include:

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Joshua Gotbaum, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Economic Security)

Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations)

Department of the Army

Secretary of the Army Togo D. West, Jr.

General Gordon R. Sullivan, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army

Michael Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army

Brigadier General James Shane, USA, Director of Management, Office of the
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Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton

Admiral J. M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations

General Carl E. Mundy, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Robert B. Pirie, Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Department of the Air Force

Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall

General Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Major General Jay D. Blume, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Base
Realignment and Transition

James Boatright, Consultant to the Secretary of the Air Force

Defense Logistics Agency

Lieutenant General George T. Babbitt, Jr., USAF, Principal Deputy Director,
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Marge V. McMananey, BRAC Team Chief, Defense Logistics Agency

All witnesses are subject to change.

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**BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE
FOR FINAL DELIBERATIONS**

WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 15, 1995 – The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission today announced the outline for its final deliberations. The hearings will start at 8:30 AM in 216 Hart Senate Office Building on Thursday, June 22.

The order of presentation will be: **Cross Service (which includes Depots, Labs, Test & Evaluation), Air Force, Navy, Army, and Defense Logistics Agency.**

It is not known how many days will be required to complete the voting, but the Commission has reserved Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday (June 22, 23, 24, 26) for the hearings, all of which will begin at 8:30 AM and be held in 216 Hart.

“We will take all the time we need at these hearings to thoroughly review each installation on our list,” said Chairman Alan J. Dixon.

Each day’s hearing is expected to last into the evening. An hour break will be taken each day for lunch.

The purpose of these hearings is to allow Commissioners and staff, in open forum, to discuss each installation on the closure and realignment list. Votes will be taken each day to determine the Commission’s recommendations which must be submitted to the President by July 1. The President has fifteen days to forward the recommendations to the Congress. If both houses of Congress do not pass a resolution of disapproval within 45 days, the recommendations become law.

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CHAIRMAN SETS DEADLINE FOR TALKING ABOUT BASE CLOSURE

WASHINGTON, DC, June 19, 1995 -- Base Closure Commission Chairman Alan J. Dixon said today he will stop talking to, or meeting with, persons who have an interest in the outcome of the base closure process as of midnight Tuesday, June 20. The Commission begins its final deliberations on Thursday, June 22 at 8:30 a.m.

In a letter sent to the other seven members of the Commission, Dixon, a former U.S. Senator from Illinois, said he was taking the step "to create an atmosphere in which my decisions will be based on the total amount of information we have gained over the past four months, rather than on last-minute appeals.

"In a real sense," the letter said, "we will be acting in a judicial capacity, and our actions should be taken in an environment free of pressures from those affected by our decisions."

Dixon left it to each of the other commissioners to decide whether they would follow the same policy.

The final deliberations will be held in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. A total of 177 installations and activities are under consideration for closure or realignment. The Commission has reserved June 22, 23, 24 and 26 for the final votes.

(The full text of the Dixon letter follows.)

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Dear Commissioner:

From the day I agreed to serve on this Commission, I have tried to make myself available to everyone who had an interest in the work of the Commission -- Members of Congress, Department of Defense officials, state and local officials, and community groups. I know that all of the Commissioners have done the same. A large part of our job is making sure that everyone with an interest in the process has an opportunity to have his or her voice heard in the process.

The amount of time that you personally have devoted to meeting and talking with individuals and groups who have an interest in the issues before the Commission is a tremendous reflection of your own commitment to the openness and objectivity of the Commission's process.

As we go into the final days of our deliberations, I think that all of us should bear in mind that, in all likelihood, our votes will decide which military installations will be closed and which will remain open. In a real sense, we will be acting in a judicial capacity, and our actions should be taken in an environment free of the pressures from those affected by our decisions. As a result, I have decided that after midnight on Tuesday, June 20, I will not take any more telephone calls or have any more meetings with individuals or groups who have an interest in the outcome of our final deliberations -- whether it is Members of Congress, senior Defense Department officials, or community groups.

I am taking this step because I want to create an atmosphere in which my decisions will be based on the total amount of information we have gained over the past four months rather than on last-minute appeals based on information that we may or may not have time to analyze or verify. Of course, each of you are free to make your own decision in this regard.

Thanks again for your outstanding support for the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dixon
Chairman

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FINAL DELIBERATIONS MEDIA ADVISORY

Order of presentations attached

ARLINGTON, VA -- JUNE 21, 1995 -- There should be ample seating for media coverage of the Commission's final deliberations, either in the hearing room or in the gallery area above the room. Electronic media will have access to risers on both sides of the hearing room.

There will be media availability for the first ten (10) minutes of the lunch break and as needed at the conclusion of the hearing. Commissioners will be available for interviews on request after each day of hearings is over.

Media Packets containing the order of presentations within each service, the Chairman's opening statement, witness list, final selection criteria, the force structure plan, Base Closure and Realignment Summary from past rounds, and Commission Milestones will be made available at the start of tomorrow's hearing. Media persons who choose to attend multiple days are requested to keep their media packet so that printing costs can be kept at a minimum.

As each commission staff team begins its presentation, we will distribute paper copies of all the slides they will use.

There will be live coverage on C-Span when the House is not in session.

All the members of the Communications Department will be in attendance each day to facilitate the requirements of the media.

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MEDIA PACKET

Final Deliberations

June 22, 23, 24, 26, 1995

- **Order of Presentations**
- **Chairman Alan J. Dixon Opening Statement**
- **Witness List**
- **Final Selection Criteria**
- **Force Structure**
- **Base Closure and Realignment Summary**
- **Commission Milestones**

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ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS

(Order of installations within each category may change.)

CROSS SERVICE

- A. Air Force Laboratories And Product Centers**
 - Rome Laboratory (Griffiss AFB), New York
 - Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico (Air Force Team)
 - Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
- B. Air Force Depots**
 - Hill Air Force Base/Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah
 - Kelly Air Force/San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Texas
 - McClellan Air Force Base/Sacramento Air Logistics Center, California
 - Robins Air Force Base/Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Georgia
 - Tinker Air Force Base/Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Oklahoma
- C. Army Depots**
 - Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas (Army Team)
 - Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania
 - Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania
- D. Navy Depots/Warfare Centers**
 - Naval Surface Warfare Center, Louisville, Kentucky
 - Naval Air Warfare Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Naval Air Warfare Center, Lakehurst, New Jersey
- E. Air Force Installations**
 - Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
 - Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity,
Buffalo, New York (AF Team)
 - Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation System, Fort Worth, Texas
 - Hill Air Force Base, Utah Test and Training Range, Utah
 - Williams Air Force Base, Mesa, Arizona
- F. Navy Technical Centers**
 - Naval Air Warfare Center, Point Mugu, California
 - Naval Air Warfare Center, Warminster, Pennsylvania
 - Naval Command and Control Ocean Surveillance Center,
Warminster, Pennsylvania
 - Naval Air Warfare Center, Oreland, Pennsylvania
 - Naval Undersea Warfare Center, New London, Connecticut
 - Naval Biodynamics Laboratory, New Orleans, Louisiana
 - Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
 - Naval Research Lab, Underwater Sound Reference, Orlando, Florida
 - Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, Norfolk, Virginia
- G. Army Installations**
 - Dugway Proving Ground, Utah

AIR FORCE

A. Missiles/Large Aircraft

Minot Grand Forks AFB, ND
Malmstrom AFB, MT
MacDill AFB, FL (Redirect)

B. Undergraduate Pilot Training

Reese AFB, TX
Columbus AFB, MS
Laughlin AFB, TX
Vance AFB, OK

C. Satellite Control

Onizuka AFB, CA
Lowry AFB, CO (Redirect)

D. Air Force Reserve (F-16)

Bergstrom ARB, TX
Carswell ARB, TX
Homestead ARB, FL
Homestead ARB (301st Air Rescue Squadron), FL (Redirect)
Homestead ARB (726th Air Control Squadron), FL (Redirect)

E. Air Force Reserve (C-130)

Greater Pittsburgh IAP ARS, PA
Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS, WI
Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP ARS, MN
Niagara Falls IAP ARS, NY
O'Hare IAP ARS, IL
Youngstown-Warren MPT ARS, OH

F. Air National Guard

Moffett Federal Airfield AGS, CA
North Highlands AGS, CA
Ontario AGS, CA
Roslyn AGS, NY
Springfield-Beckley AGS, OH

G. Redirects

Griffiss AFB (Airfield), NY
Griffiss AFB (485th EIG), NY

NAVY

A. Guam Installations

Naval Activities Guam
Naval Air Station Guam
Ship Repair Facility Guam
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Guam
Public Works Center Guam

B. Reserve Air Stations

Naval Air Station South Weymouth, MA
Naval Air Station Atlanta, GA
Naval Air Facility Detroit, MI

C. Training Air Stations

Naval Air Station Meridian, MS
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX

D. Operational Air Stations

Marine Corps Air Stations El Toro and Tustin, CA
Naval Air Station Alameda, CA
Naval Air Station Cecil Field, FL
Naval Air Facility Adak, AK

Naval Air Station Key West, FL
Naval Air Station Barbers Point, HI

E. Training Centers

Navy Nuclear Power Propulsion School Orlando, FL
Naval Technical Training Center Meridian, MS
Naval Training Centers Orlando, FL and San Diego, CA

F. Naval Shipyards/Supervisors of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair

Naval Shipyard Long Beach, CA
Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, ME
Naval Shipyard Philadelphia, PA
Naval Underwater Warfare Center Keyport, WA
SUPSHIP Long Beach, CA
SUPSHIP San Francisco, CA

G. Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland, CA
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Charleston, SC

H. Technical Centers

Naval Personnel Research and
Development Center, San Diego, CA
Naval Health Research Center San Diego, CA
Office of Naval Research
Naval Warfare Assessment Division Corona, CA
Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak, MD
Naval Surface Warfare Center Annapolis, MD
Naval Air Technical Services Facility Philadelphia, PA
Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit Philadelphia, PA
Naval Management Systems Support Office, Chesapeake, VA
Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center,
In-Service Engineering, West Coast Division, San Diego, CA

I. Administrative Activities

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington, VA
Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA
Naval Information Systems Management Command,
Arlington, VA
Naval Recruiting Command, Washington, DC
Naval Recruiting District, San Diego, CA
Naval Security Group Command Det Potomac,
Washington, DC

J. Reserve Activities

Naval Reserve Center Huntsville, AL
Naval Reserve Center Pomona, CA
Naval Reserve Center Santa Ana, CA
Naval Reserve Center Stockton, CA
Naval Reserve Center Cadillac, MI
Naval Reserve Center Staten Island, NY
Naval Reserve Center Laredo, TX
Naval Reserve Center Sheboygan, WI
Naval Air Reserve Center Olathe, KS
Region Seven, Naval Reserve Readiness Command,
Charleston, SC
Region Ten, Naval Reserve Readiness Command,
New Orleans, LA

K. Engineering Field Activities

Engineering Field Activity West, San Bruno, CA

L. Naval Aviation Depots

Naval Aviation Depot Pensacola, FL

ARMY

A. Major Training Areas

Fort Dix, NJ
Fort Greely, AK
Fort Hunter Liggett, CA
Fort Pickett, VA
Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
Fort Chaffee, AR

B. Training Schools

Fort McClellan, AL
Fort Lee, VA

C. Command, Control & Admin

Fort Meade, MD
Fort Ritchie, MD
US Army Garrison, Selfridge, MI
Price Support Center, IL
Fort Buchanan, PR
Kelly Support Center, PA
Fort Hamilton, NY
Fort Totten, NY

D. Commodity Installations

Detroit Arsenal, MI
Fort Detrick, MD

E. Ammunition Storage

Seneca Army Depot, NY
Savanna Army Depot Activity, IL
Sierra Army Depot, CA

F. Industrial Facilities

Stratford Army Engine Plant, CT
Detroit Army Tank Plant, MI

G. Ports

Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal, NJ
Oakland Army Base, CA

H. Medical Centers

Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, CO

I. Leases

Aviation-Troop Command, MO
Concepts Analysis Agency, MD
Information Systems Software Command, VA
Space & Strategic Defense Command, AL

J. Minor

Baltimore Publications Distribution Center, MD
Bellmore Logistics Activity, NY
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Camp Bonneville, WA
Camp Kilmer, NJ
Camp Pedricktown, NJ
Caven Point US Army Reserve Center, NJ
East Fort Baker, CA
Fort Missoula, MT
Hingham Cohasset, MA
Recreation Center #2, NC
Rio Vista US Army Reserve Center, CA
Sudbury Training Annex, MA
Branch US Disciplinary Barracks, CA
Valley Grove US Army Reserve Center, WV

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

A. Defense Logistics Agency - Stand Alone Distribution Depots

Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, OH

Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN

Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT

B. Defense Logistics Agency - Inventory Control Points

Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia, PA

C. Defense Logistics Agency - Command and Control

Defense Contract Management District South, Marietta, GA

Defense Contract Management District West, El Segundo, CA

Defense Contract Management Command International, Dayton, OH

D. Defense Investigative Service

Investigations Control & Automation Directorate, Fort Holabird, MD

E. Army

Fort Holabird, Baltimore, MD

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**OPENING REMARKS
CHAIRMAN ALAN J. DIXON
FINAL DELIBERATIONS
June 22, 1995
Washington, DC**

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE FINAL DELIBERATIONS OF THE 1995 DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION.

MY NAME IS ALAN DIXON AND I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION. WITH ME ARE MY COLLEAGUES, COMMISSIONERS AL CORNELLA, REBECCA COX, GENERAL J.B. DAVIS, S. LEE KLING, ADMIRAL BENJAMIN MONTOYA, GENERAL JOE ROBLES AND WENDI STEELE.

TODAY WE WILL BEGIN TO DECIDE WHICH MILITARY BASES TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CLOSURE OR REALIGNMENT.

IT IS A PAINFUL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH NONE OF US SOUGHT, BUT WHICH WE ARE DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT IN A DELIBERATE WAY THAT WILL IMPROVE LONG-TERM MILITARY READINESS AND INSURE WE ARE SPENDING THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE.

YET, AS UNAPPEALING AS OUR TASK IS, I CAN ASSURE EVERY AMERICAN TAXPAYER THAT WE ARE AS WELL-PREPARED FOR IT AS ANY EIGHT PEOPLE COULD BE.

IN THE 16 WEEKS SINCE WE RECEIVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF HAVE MADE 205 VISITS TO 165 MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. WE CONDUCTED 16 REGIONAL HEARINGS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND IN GUAM WE HELD ANOTHER 13 HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON AND HAVE HAD HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE WORKED HARD. THE STAFF HAS WORKED HARD. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN OPEN AT EVERY POINT, AND WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF OUR VOTES, I AM CONFIDENT WHEN I SAY I BELIEVE THAT EVERY COMMUNITY ON THE LIST HAS BEEN TREATED, AND WILL BE JUDGED, FAIRLY.

BEFORE I DESCRIBE HOW THE FINAL DELIBERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED, I WANT TO OFFER MY THANKS – ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND OUR STAFF – TO ALL THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHO HAVE COOPERATED WITH US COMPLETELY AND GRACIOUSLY DURING WHAT IS CLEARLY A TRAUMATIC TIME FOR THEM. THEY SHOW CHARACTER BEYOND WORDS AND DO THEIR COUNTRY PROUD.

NOW LET ME DESCRIBE HOW THESE DELIBERATIONS WILL PROCEED.

WHEN WE FINISH OUR WORK TODAY, WE WILL RESUME WORK IN THIS ROOM AT 8:30 TOMORROW MORNING AND SATURDAY MORNING. IF WE HAVE NOT FINISHED BY SATURDAY, WE WILL TAKE OFF SUNDAY AND RETURN HERE MONDAY MORNING AT 8:30 AND FOR AS MANY MORNINGS AS NECESSARY.

WE HAVE DELIBERATELY LEFT THESE WORK DAYS OPEN-ENDED AND WILL KNOW ONLY LATE ON EACH DAY WHAT TIME WE WILL STOP WORK. FOR THOSE REASONS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT IN ADVANCE WHAT TIME OF WHAT DAY A BASE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

WE WILL BEGIN IN A FEW MINUTES WITH A PRESENTATION BY OUR STAFF CROSS-SERVICE TEAM. THIS PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE THE INSTALLATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: AIR FORCE LABORATORIES AND PRODUCT CENTERS; AIR FORCE DEPOTS; ARMY DEPOTS; NAVY DEPOTS/WARFARE CENTERS; NAVY TECHNICAL CENTERS; AND THE DUGWAY PROVING GROUND AND A GROUP OF FIVE MISCELLANEOUS AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS.

AS WILL BE THE CASE THROUGHOUT THE DELIBERATIONS, OUR STAFF WILL PRESENT THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE RESULTS OF ITS REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE DATA UNDERLYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SECRETARY'S LIST AND REGARDING THE BASES THE COMMISSION ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION ON MAY 10.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION ON EACH INSTALLATION, THERE WILL BE AS MANY QUESTIONS AND AS MUCH DEBATE AS THE COMMISSIONERS DESIRE, AND THEN IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR SOME KIND OF ACTION.

IT IS OUR INTENTION TO VOTE ON EACH INSTALLATION AFTER ITS PRESENTATION. THE FINAL RESULT ON EACH BASE WILL BE KNOWN AT THAT TIME, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT WE HAVE UNTIL JULY 1 TO DELIVER OUR FORMAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

AFTER THE CROSS-SERVICE TEAM IS FINISHED, WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE AIR FORCE, THEN THE NAVY, THE ARMY, AND, FINALLY, THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY.

NOW LET ME TAKE A MINUTE TO DESCRIBE OUR VOTING PROCEDURE, BECAUSE IT CAN BE SLIGHTLY CONFUSING AT TIMES.

THE BASE CLOSURE STATUTE AFFORDS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE A PRESUMPTION OF CORRECTNESS. FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, THAT MEANS THE COMMISSION CAN OVERTURN OR MODIFY THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION ONLY BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

IF A MOTION TO REJECT OR MODIFY THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION ENDS IN A TIE, THEN THE MOTION FAILS AND THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION STANDS.

IN ADDITION, IN ORDER TO OVERTURN THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION, THE COMMISSION MUST MAKE A SPECIFIC FINDING THAT THE RECOMMENDATION HAS SUBSTANTIALLY DEVIATED FROM THE FORCE STRUCTURE AND BASE CLOSURE CRITERIA.

IN THE CASE OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION, A TIE VOTE IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE SECRETARY. A MAJORITY VOTE IS NOT NECESSARY.

THE BASE CLOSURE STATUTE DOES NOT GIVE THE SAME PRESUMPTION TO BASES ADDED TO THE LIST BY THE COMMISSION. THESE BASES CAN BE CLOSED OR REALIGNED ONLY WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

FURTHER, THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE A MOTION TO KEEP AN ADDED BASE OPEN. WE DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON ALL THE BASES WE ADDED, AND IF WE DO NOT VOTE, THAT PARTICULAR BASE WILL REMAIN OPEN.

THE CHAIR WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE WE ALL UNDERSTAND THESE DISTINCTIONS AS WE PROCEED WITH THE VOTING.

NOW, BEFORE I RECOGNIZE THE COMMISSION STAFF DIRECTOR, DAVID LYLES, WHO WILL BEGIN THE PRESENTATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE DIFFICULT TASK AT HAND AND HOW I APPROACH IT.

I BELIEVE THE ELIMINATION OF EXCESS INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY SERVICES TO MAINTAIN AND MODERNIZE THEIR FORCES OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

ALL OF US ARE AWARE OF THE PRESSURES ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE DEFENSE BUDGET HAS DECLINED ALMOST 40 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS. FOR FY 1996, THE MILITARY BUDGET FOR MODERNIZATION AND PROCUREMENT OF NEW WEAPONS IS \$39.4 BILLION – DOWN 71 PER CENT SINCE 1986, AND IN REAL TERMS AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1950.

SINCE 1986, WE HAVE REDUCED THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY BY 30 PER CENT. IF THIS COMMISSION CLOSSES EVERYTHING THE DEPARTMENT WANTS CLOSED THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE REDUCED INFRASTRUCTURE BY JUST 21 PER CENT IN ALL FOUR ROUNDS OF BASE CLOSURE.

THERE ARE NO BAD BASES LEFT TO VOTE ON. ALL THE INSTALLATIONS BEFORE US HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THREE RIGOROUS ROUNDS OF CUTS.

NONETHELESS, THROUGHOUT OUR FOUR MONTHS OF VISITS, HEARINGS AND ANALYSIS, CERTAIN INDISPUTABLE FACTS EMERGE:

*** FIRST, DOD OFFICIALS HAVE TESTIFIED THAT EVEN AFTER THIS ROUND IS COMPLETED, THERE WILL STILL BE SIGNIFICANT EXCESS INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT;**

*** SECOND, DOD OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO TESTIFIED THAT THE SERVICES ARE COUNTING ON THE SAVINGS FROM THIS ROUND TO REVERSE THE DECLINE IN THEIR MODERNIZATION FUNDING.**

*** THIRD, THE OVERALL DEFENSE BUDGET IS LIKELY TO DECLINE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS;**

*** AND FOURTH, THIS IS THE LAST ROUND OF CLOSURES UNDER THE CURRENT, EXPEDITED PROCEDURE, AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER CONGRESS WILL EVER AUTHORIZE ANOTHER ROUND.**

HAVING SAID THAT, I BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COMMISSION ACHIEVE AT THE VERY MINIMUM THE LEVEL OF SAVINGS PROPOSED IN MARCH BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. I WOULD PERSONALLY PREFER TO ACHIEVE GREATER SAVINGS.

AS I HAVE SAID EARLIER, THE BASE CLOSURE LAW ALLOWS THE COMMISSION TO REMOVE A BASE FROM THE SECRETARY'S LIST ONLY IF IT FINDS SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION FROM THE FORCE STRUCTURE PLAN OR THE SELECTION CRITERIA.

FOR MY PART, I WILL APPLY A VERY RIGID TEST TO THIS QUESTION OF SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT CLOSING BASES NOW IS THE KEY TO THE CONTINUED READINESS AND FUTURE MODERNIZATION OF OUR MILITARY FORCES.

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FINAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- **MILITARY VALUE**

1. **THE CURRENT AND FUTURE MISSION REQUIREMENTS AND THE IMPACT ON OPERATIONAL READINESS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S TOTAL FORCE.**
2. **THE AVAILABILITY AND CONDITION OF LAND, FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED AIRSPACE AT BOTH THE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL RECEIVING LOCATIONS.**
3. **THE AVAILABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE CONTINGENCY, MOBILIZATION AND FUTURE TOTAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS AT BOTH THE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL RECEIVING LOCATIONS.**
4. **THE COST AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS.**

- **RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

5. **THE EXTENT AND TIMING OF POTENTIAL COSTS AND SAVINGS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE CLOSURE OR REALIGNMENT, FOR THE SAVINGS TO EXCEED THE COSTS.**

- **IMPACTS**

6. **THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES.**
7. **THE ABILITY OF BOTH THE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL RECEIVING COMMUNITIES' INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT FORCES, MISSIONS AND PERSONNEL.**
8. **THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.**

FORCE STRUCTURE

	<u>FY 1990</u>	<u>FY 1995</u>	<u>FY 1997</u>	<u>Review</u>	<u>FY 1999</u>
Army Divisions (Active)	28 (18)	18 (12)	18 (12)	15+ (10)	??
Aircraft Carriers (Reserve/Training)	16 (1)	13 (1)	13 (1)	12 (1)	??
Carrier Air Wings (Active)	15 (13)	13 (11)	13 (11)	11 (10)	??
Battle Force Ships	545	451	425	346	??
Marine Corps Divisions (Active)	4 (3)	4 (3)	4 (3)	4 (3)	??
Tactical Fighter Wings (Active)	36 (24)	26 (15)	26 (15)	20 (13)	??

BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT SUMMARY

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ARMY</u>				
CLOSURES	74	5	1	80
REALIGNMENTS	12	24	10	46
<u>NAVY</u>				
CLOSURES	7	16	74	97
REALIGNMENTS	1	18	22	41
<u>AIR FORCE</u>				
CLOSURES	5	13	5	23
REALIGNMENTS	0	6	10	16
<u>DEFENSE AGENCIES</u>				
CLOSURES	0	0	50	50
REALIGNMENTS	0	0	3	3
<u>TOTAL</u>				
CLOSURES	86	34	130	250
REALIGNMENTS	13	48	45	106

1994/1995 BASE CLOSURE MILESTONES

- December 15, 1994** DoD deadline for publishing selection criteria amendments in the Federal Register.
- January 3** Final day for the President to nominate individuals for membership on the Commission.
- February 1995** DoD publishes force structure plan as part of the FY 1996 Defense budget.
- February 15** Deadline for Congress to pass a joint resolution disapproving of any changes in the DoD selection criteria.
- March 1** Deadline for transmittal of base closure and realignment recommendations by Secretary of Defense to Commission.
- April 15** Comptroller General (GAO) issues report to Commission and Congress analyzing DoD's recommendations and selection criteria.
- May 17** Final opportunity for Commission to add facilities to DoD's recommendations for further consideration. Any additions must be published in the Federal Register.
- July 1** Commission transmits its recommendations to the President.
- July 15** Deadline for the President to either approve the Commission's recommendations and forward them to the Congress or return them to the Commission with his reasons for disapproval. If the recommendations are sent to Capitol Hill, Congress has forty-five (45) days in which to pass a motion of disapproval in both houses or sine die of 104th Congress or the Commission's report becomes law.
- (August 15)** If the President disapproves of the Commission's July 1 report, the Commission must re-submit its recommendations to the President by this date.
- (September 1)** Final opportunity for the President to approve of the Commission's recommendations and forward them to the Congress. If the President disapproves, the process is terminated for the 1995 cycle.

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**COMMISSION CLOSES OR REALIGNS 26 BASES IN FIRST DAY OF
DELIBERATIONS**

WASHINGTON, DC, June 22, 1995 — The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (DBCRC) voted to recommend closure of 20 military bases and the realignment of 6 others on the first day of its final deliberations.

The Commission also voted to recommend keeping open 7 bases that had been recommended for closure by the Department of Defense. The recommendations must be accepted or rejected in full by the President and Congress.

The Commission recommended significant cuts in the Air Force's Air Logistics Center category, voting to close McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, and to close the ALC located at Kelly Air Force Base San Antonio.

Commission Chairman Alan J. Dixon called the closure of the two depots the "greatest single deviation from the recommendation of the Secretary of the Defense in the history of the base closure process."

Here is a list of the Commission's actions of June 22, in the order in which they were taken:

Following is the list of the recommendations the Commission made today (in chronological order):

Vote Legend (nay votes will be noted, recusals will be in **bold**):

In the event of a tie vote, the Secretary of Defense's recommendation is adopted.

AD - Alan J. Dixon; **AC** - Al Cornella; **RC** - Rebecca Cox; **JD** - James B. Davis;

LK - S. Lee Kling; **BM** - Benjamin Montoya; **JR** - Josue Robles; **WS** - Wendi L. Steele

1--Rome Laboratory, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Rome Laboratory, Rome, New York. Rome Laboratory activities will relocate to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

Commission Recommendation: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0. Rome lab remains open.

2--Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Kirtland AFB. The 58th Special Operations Wing will relocate to Holloman AFB, New Mexico. The AF Operational Test and Evaluation Center (AFOTEC) will relocate to Eglin AFB, Florida. The AF Office of Security Police (AFOSP) will relocate to Lackland AFB, Texas. The AF Inspection Agency and the AF Safety Agency will relocate to Kelly AFB, Texas. The Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) will relocate to Kelly AFB, Texas (Field Command) and Nellis AFB, Nevada (High Explosive Testing). Some DNA personnel (Radiation Simulator operations) will remain in place. The Phillips Laboratory and the 898th Munitions Squadron will remain in cantonment. The AFRES and ANG activities will remain in existing facilities. The 377th ABW inactivates and all other activities and facilities at Kirtland AFB, including family housing will close. Air Force medical activities located in the Veterans Administration Hospital will terminate.

Commission Recommendation: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0. Kirtland remains open.

3--Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Brooks AFB. The Human Systems Center, including the School of Aerospace Medicine and Armstrong Laboratory, will relocate to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, however, some portion of the Manpower and Personnel function, and the Air Force Drug Test laboratory, may relocate to other locations. The 68th Intelligence Squadron will relocate to Kelly AFB, Texas. The Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence will relocate to Tyndall AFB, Florida. The 710th Intelligence Flight (AFRES) will relocate to Lackland AFB, Texas. The hyperbaric chamber operation, including associated personnel, will relocate to Lackland AFB, Texas. All activities and facilities at the base including family housing and the medical facility will close.

Commission Recommendation: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0. Brooks remains open.

4--Air Logistics Centers

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign the Air Logistics Centers (ALC) at Hill AFB, Utah; Kelly AFB, Texas; McClellan AFB, California; Robins AFB, Georgia; and Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Consolidate the followings workloads at the designated receiver locations:

<u>Commodity/Workload</u>	<u>Receiving Locations</u>
Composites and plastics	SM-ALC, McClellan AFB
Hydraulics	SM-ALC, McClellan AFB
Tubing manufacturing	WR-ALC, Robins AFB
Airborne electronic automatic equipment software	WR-ALC, Robins AFB, OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OO-ALC, Hill AFB
Sheet metal repair and manufacturing	OO-ALC, Hill AFB, WR-ALC, Robins AFB
Machining manufacturing	OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, WR-ALC, Robins AFB
Foundry operations	SA-ALC, Kelly AFB, OO-ALC, Hill AFB
Instruments/displays	SM-ALC, McClellan AFB (some unique work remains at OO-ALC, Hill AFB and WR-ALC, Robins AFB)
Airborne electronics	WR-ALC, Robins AFB, OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OO-ALC, Hill AFB
Electronic manufacturing (printed wire boards)	WR-ALC, Robins AFB
Electrical/mechanical support equipment	SM-ALC, McClellan AFB
Injection molding	SM-ALC, McClellan AFB
Industrial plant equipment software	SA-ALC, Kelly AFB
Plating	OC-ALC, Tinker AFB, OO-ALC, Hill AFB, SA-ALC, Kelly AFB, WR-ALC, Robins AFB

Move the required equipment and any required personnel to the receiving location. These actions will create or strengthen Technical Repair Centers at the receiving locations in the respective commodities. Minimal workload in each of the commodities may continue to be performed at the other ALCs as required.

Commission Recommendation: Reject DoD Proposal. Close McClellan ALC. Realign Kelly AFB by closing ALC.

Vote: 6-2 (RC, BM) on McClellan. 6-2 (JR, JD) on Kelly.

5--Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission Action. Recommend Realignment of Kelly by closing ALC.

Vote: 6-2. JR, JD.

6--McClellan Air Force Base, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission Action: Close.

Vote: 6-2. RC, BM.

7--Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Letterkenny Army Depot by transferring the towed and self-propelled combat vehicle mission to Anniston Army Depot. Retain an enclave for conventional ammunition storage and tactical missile disassembly and storage. Change the 1993 Commission's decision regarding the consolidating of tactical missile maintenance at Letterkenny by transferring missile guidance system workload to Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Note: The Commission voted that Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa, currently on the list of bases recommended by the Secretary of Defense for realignment, be considered by the Commission for closure or to increase the extent of the realignment.

Commission Recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Approve same language as SECDEF motion, with addition of language encouraging and permitting private sector use.

Vote: 5-3 (AC, RC, JD)

8--Red River Army Depot, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Red River Army Depot. Transfer the ammunition storage mission, intern training center, and civilian training education to Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant. Transfer the light combat vehicle maintenance mission to Anniston Army Depot. Transfer the Rubber Production Facility to Lone Star.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD Proposal. Realign downward; Bradley and other missions stay. 113 line moves to Anniston.

Vote: 7-1. AD.

9--Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texarkana, Texas (DDRT)

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas. Material remaining at DDRT at the time of disestablishment will be relocated to the Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama, (DDAA) and to optimum storage space within the DoD Distribution System.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD Proposal.

Vote: 7-1. AD.

**10--Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Detachment,
Louisville, Kentucky**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Detachment, Louisville, Kentucky. Relocate appropriate functions, personnel, equipment, and support to other naval activities, primarily the Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia; the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, California; and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, Indiana.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal; Close, but add language to encourage privatization of functions to the extent practical.

Vote: 8-0.

**11--Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division,
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC), Aircraft Division, Indianapolis, Indiana. Relocate necessary functions along with associated personnel, equipment and support to other naval technical activities, primarily Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, Indiana; Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland; and Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, China Lake, California.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal; Close, but add language to encourage privatization of functions to the extent practical.

Vote: 8-0.

**12--Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division,
Lakehurst, New Jersey**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Lakehurst, New Jersey, except transfer in place certain facilities and equipment to the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland. Relocate other functions and associated personnel and equipment to the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland, and the Naval Aviation Depot, Jacksonville, Florida. Relocate the Naval Air Technical Training Center Detachment, Lakehurst, to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Relocate Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21, the U.S. Army CECOM Airborne Engineering Evaluation Support Activity, and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office to other government-owned spaces.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal. Lakehurst remains open.

Vote: 7-1. AD.

13--Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Eglin AFB, Florida. The Electromagnetic Test Environment (EMTE), consisting of eight Electronic Combat (EC) threat simulator systems and two EC pod systems will relocate to the Nellis AFB Complex, Nevada. Those emitter-only systems at the Air Force Development Test Center (AFDTC) at Eglin AFB necessary to support Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), the USAF Air Warfare Center, and Air Force Materiel Command Armaments/Weapons Test and Evaluation activities will be retained. All other activities and facilities associated with Eglin will remain open.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

**14--Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity,
Buffalo, New York**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor activity (REDCAP) at Buffalo, New York. Required test activities and necessary support equipment will be relocated to the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC) at Edwards AFB, California. Any remaining equipment will be disposed of.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

**15--Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator Activity,
Fort Worth, Texas**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator (AFEWES) activity in Fort Worth. Essential AFEWES capabilities and the required test activities will relocate to the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC), Edwards AFB, California. Workload and selected equipment from AFEWES will be transferred to AFFTC. AFEWES will be disestablished and any remaining equipment will be disposed of.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal. Activity remains open.

Vote: 7-1. AD.

15--Hill Air Force Base, Utah

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Hill AFB, Utah. The permanent Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) test range activity at Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) will be disestablished. Management responsibility for operation of the UTTR will transfer from AFMC to Air Combat Command (ACC). Personnel, equipment and systems required for use by ACC to support the training range will be transferred to ACC. Additional AFMC manpower associated with operation of the range will be eliminated. Some armament/weapons Test and Evaluation (T& E) workload will transfer to the Air Force Development Test Center (AFDTC), Eglin AFB, Florida, and the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC), Edwards AFB, California. **Note:** The Commission voted that Hill Air Force Base, UT, currently on the list of bases recommended by the Secretary of Defense for realignment, be considered by the Commission for closure or to increase the extent of the realignment.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0,

16--Williams Air Force Base, Arizona

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1991 Commission regarding the relocation of Williams AFB's Armstrong Laboratory Aircrew Training Research Facility to Orlando, Florida, as follows: The Armstrong Laboratory Aircrew Training Research Facility at Mesa, Arizona, will remain at its present location as a stand-alone activity.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

17--Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu, CA

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission Action: Point Mugu remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

**18--Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division,
Warminster, Pennsylvania**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Warminster, Pennsylvania. Relocate appropriate functions, personnel, equipment, and support to other technical activities, primarily the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland.

Commission Action: Accept DoD Proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

**19--Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, RDT&E
Division Detachment, Warminster, Pennsylvania**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, RDT&E Division Detachment, Warminster, Pennsylvania. Relocate appropriate functions, personnel, equipment, and support to other technical activities, primarily the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, RDT&E Division, San Diego, California; and the Naval Oceanographic Office, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Commission Action: Accept DoD Proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

**20--Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Open Water Test Facility, Oreland,
Pennsylvania**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Open Water Test Facility, Oreland, Pennsylvania.

Commission Action: Accept DoD Proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

**21--Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport Division, New London Detachment, New
London, Connecticut**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport Division, New London Detachment, New London, Connecticut, and relocate necessary functions with associated personnel, equipment, and support to Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport Division, Newport, Rhode Island. Close the NUWC New London facility, except retain Pier 7 which is transferred to the Navy Submarine Base New London. The site presently occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard Station, New London, will be transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard. The Navy Submarine Base, New London, Magnetic Silencing Facility will remain in its present location as a tenant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Naval reserve units will relocate to other naval activities, primarily NUWC Newport, Rhode Island, and Navy Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. JD.

22--Naval Biodynamics Laboratory, New Orleans, Louisiana

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Biodynamics Laboratory, New Orleans, Louisiana, and relocate necessary personnel to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and Naval Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Pensacola, Florida.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

23--Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI), Bethesda, Maryland. Consolidate the personnel of the Diving Medicine Program with the Experimental Diving Unit, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, Coastal Systems Station, Panama City, Florida. Relocate the Infectious Diseases, Combat Casualty Care and Operational Medicine programs along with necessary personnel and equipment to the Walter Reed Army Institute for Research at Forest Glen, Maryland.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

24--Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, Orlando, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment (NRL UWSRD), Orlando, Florida. Relocate the calibration and standards function with associated personnel, equipment, and support to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport Division, Newport, Rhode Island, except for the Anechoic Tank Facility I, which will be excessed.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

25--Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering East Coast Detachment, Norfolk, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the In-Service Engineering East Coast Detachment, St. Juliens Creek Annex, Norfolk, Virginia, of the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, except retain in place the transmit and receive equipment and antennas currently at the St. Juliens Creek Annex. Relocate functions, necessary personnel and equipment to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

26-- Dugway Proving Ground, Utah

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Dugway Proving Ground by relocating the smoke and obscurant mission to Yuma Proving Ground, AZ, and some elements of chemical/biological research to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. Dispose of English Village and retain test and experimentation facilities necessary to support Army and DoD missions.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Dugway remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

27--Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Grand Forks AFB. The 321st Missile Group will inactivate, unless prior to December 1996, the Secretary of Defense determines that the need to retain ballistic missile defense (BMD) options effectively precludes this action. If the Secretary of Defense makes such a determination, Minot AFB, North Dakota, will be realigned and the 91st Missile Group will inactivate.

If Grand Forks AFB is realigned, the 321st Missile Group will inactivate. Minuteman III missiles will relocate to Malmstrom AFB, Montana, be maintained at depot facilities, or be retired. A small number of silo launchers at Grand Forks may be retained if required. The 319th Air Refueling Wing will remain in place. All activities and facilities at the base associated with

the 319th Air Refueling Wing, including family housing, the hospital, commissary, and base exchange will remain open.

If Minot AFB is realigned, the 91st Missile Group will inactivate. Minuteman III missiles will relocate to Malmstrom AFB, Montana, be maintained at depot facilities, or be retired. The 5th Bomb Wing will remain in place. All activities and facilities at the base associated with the 5th Bomb Wing, including family housing, the hospital, commissary, and base exchange will remain open.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AC.

28--Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Malmstrom AFB. The 43rd Air Refueling Group and its KC-135 aircraft will relocate to MacDill AFB, Florida. All fixed-wing aircraft flying operations at Malmstrom AFB will cease and the airfield will be closed. A small airfield operational area will continue to be available to support the helicopter operations of the 40th Rescue Flight which will remain to support missile wing operations. All base activities and facilities associated with the 341st Missile Wing will remain.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AC.

29--MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendations of the 1991 and 1993 Commissions regarding the closure and transfer of the MacDill AFB airfield to the Department of Commerce (DoC) as follows: Redirect the retention of the MacDill airfield as part of MacDill AFB. The Air Force will continue to operate the runway and its associated activities. DoC will remain as a tenant.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AC.

30--Reese Air Force Base, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Reese AFB. The 64th Flying Training Wing will inactivate and its assigned aircraft will be redistributed or retired. All activities and facilities at the base including family housing and the hospital will close.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 6-2. AC, RC.

31--Onizuka Air Station, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Onizuka AS. The 750th Space Group will inactivate and its functions will relocate to Falcon AFB, Colorado. Detachment 2, Space and Missile Systems Center (AFMC) will relocate to Falcon AFB, Colorado. Some tenants will remain in existing facilities. All activities and facilities associated with the 750th Space Group including family housing and the clinic will close.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 5-3. RC, BM, WS.

32--Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1991 Commission regarding the cantonment of the 1001st Space Support Squadron at the Lowry Support Center as follows: Inactivate the 1001st Space Systems Squadron, now designated Detachment 1, Space Systems Support Group (SSSG). Some Detachment 1 personnel and equipment will relocate to Peterson AFB, Colorado, under the Space Systems Support Group while the remainder of the positions will be eliminated.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

33--Bergstrom Air Reserve Base, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Bergstrom ARB. The 924th Fighter Wing (AFRES) will inactivate. The Wing's F-16 aircraft will be redistributed or retire. Headquarters, 10th Air Force (AFRES), will relocate to Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base, Texas.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 4-4. AD, AC, JD, BM.

34--Carswell Air Reserve Station, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission Action: Remove Carswell from further consideration. Carswell remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

35--Homestead Air Force Base , Florida

301st Rescue Squadron (AFRES)

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission regarding Homestead AFB as follows: Redirect the 301st Rescue Squadron (AFRES) with its associated aircraft to relocate to Patrick AFB, Florida.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

36--Homestead Air Force Base , Florida

726th Air Control Squadron

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission regarding the relocation of the 726th Air Control Squadron (ACS) from Homestead AFB to Shaw AFB, South Carolina, as follows: Redirect the 726th ACS to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

37--Greater Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Greater Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station (ARS). The 911th Airlift Wing will inactivate and its C-130 aircraft will be distributed to Air Force Reserve C-130 units at Dobbins ARB, Georgia, and Peterson AFB, Colorado.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal. Pittsburgh remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

38--Chicago O'Hare IAP Air Reserve Station, Illinois

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense

Commission Action: Close O'Hare IAP Air Reserve Station. Relocate 126th Air Refueling Wing to Scott AFB, Illinois, if City of Chicago covers cost.

Vote: 7-0-1. AD.

39--Moffett Federal Airfield Air Guard Station, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Moffett Federal Airfield Air Guard Station. Relocate the 129th Rescue Group and associated aircraft to McClellan AFB, California.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

40--North Highlands Air Guard Station, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close North Highlands Air Guard Station (AGS) and relocate the 162nd Combat Communications Group (CCG) and the 149th Combat Communications Squadron (CCS) to McClellan AFB, California.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

41--Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station (AGS) and relocate the 148th Combat Communications Squadron (CCS) and the 210th Weather Flight to March ARB, California.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

42--Roslyn Air Guard Station, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Roslyn Air Guard Station (AGS) and relocate the 213th Electronic Installation Squadron (ANG) and the 274th Combat Communications Group (ANG) to Stewart International Airport AGS, Newburg, New York. The 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron (AFRES) will relocate to suitable leased space within the current recruiting area.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal. Same as SECDEF recommendation with provision on sale of land.

Vote: 8-0

**43--Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport
Air Guard Station, Ohio**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport Air Guard Station (AGS) and relocate the 178th Fighter Group (ANG), the 251st Combat Communications Group (ANG), and the 269th Combat Communications Squadron (ANG) to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal. Springfield-Beckley remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

44--Griffiss Air Force Base, New York

Airfield Support for 10th Infantry (Light) Division

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission regarding support of the 10th Infantry (Light) Division, Fort Drum, New York, at Griffiss AFB, as follows: Close the minimum essential airfield that was to be maintained by a contractor at Griffiss AFB and provide the mobility/contingency/training support to the 10th Infantry (Light) Division from the Fort Drum airfield. Mission essential equipment from the minimum essential airfield at Griffiss AFB will transfer to Fort Drum.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

45--Griffiss Air Force Base, New York

485th Engineering Installation Group

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission regarding the transfer of the 485th Engineering Installation Group (EIG) from Griffiss AFB, New York, to Hill AFB, Utah, as follows: Inactivate the 485th EIG. Transfer its engineering functions to the 38th EIG at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Transfer its installation function to the 838th Electronic Installation Squadron (EIS) at Kelly AFB, Texas, and to the 938th EIS, McClellan AFB, California.

Commission Action: Reject DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

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RE: COMMISSION ACTIONS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1995

DATE: JUNE 24, 1995

Following is a chronological list of actions taken Friday, June 23, 1995 by the Defense Base Closure and realignment Commission.

The Commission staff is in the process of compiling numbers of bases closed and realigned and the expected savings from those actions, but that information will not be available until later this week.

Following is the list of the recommendations the Commission made June 23 (in chronological order):

Vote Legend (nay votes will be noted, recusals will be in **bold**):

In the event of a tie vote, the Secretary of Defense's recommendation is adopted.

AD - Alan J. Dixon; **AC** - Al Cornella; **RC** - Rebecca Cox; **JD** - James B. Davis;

LK - S. Lee Kling; **BM** - Benjamin Montoya; **JR** - Josue Robles; **WS** - Wendi L. Steele

46--Naval Activities, Guam

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Naval Activities Guam. Relocate all ammunition vessels and associated personnel and support to Naval Magazine, Lualualei, Hawaii. Relocate all other combat logistics force ships and associated personnel and support to Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Relocate Military Sealift Command personnel and Diego Garcia support functions to Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Disestablish the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanographic Center-WESTPAC, except for the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, which relocates to the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanographic Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Disestablish the Afloat Training Group-WESTPAC. All other Department of Defense activities that are presently on Guam may remain either as a tenant of Naval Activities, Guam or other appropriate naval activity. Retain waterfront assets for support, mobilization, and contingencies and to support the afloat tender.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Dispose of property owned by Naval Activities declared releasable under the 1994 Guam Land Use Plan (GLUP) with appropriate restrictions. Locate MSC ships as operationally required.

Vote: 7-0-1. **RC**

47--Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-21) for "the aircraft, personnel, and associated equipment" from the closing Naval Air Station, Agana, Guam from "Andersen AFB, Guam" to "other naval or DoD air stations in the Continental United States and Hawaii."

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Allows colocation of HC-5s with MSC ships.

Vote: 7-0-1. **RC**

48--Ship Repair Facility, GUAM

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Ship Repair Facility (SRF), Guam, except transfer appropriate assets, including the piers, the floating drydock, its typhoon basin anchorage, the recompression chamber, and the floating crane, to Naval Activities, Guam.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. **RC**

49--Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Guam

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Guam.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Disestablish, except for fuel farm and appropriate assets.

Vote: 7-0-1. **RC**

50--Public Works Center, GUAM

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission recommendation: Realign PWC to match assigned workload. Close officer housing at NAS Agana.

Vote: 7-0-1. RC

51--Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, Massachusetts

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. Relocate its aircraft and necessary personnel, equipment and support to Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine. Relocate the Marine Corps Reserve support squadrons to another facility in the local area or to NAS Brunswick. Reestablish Naval Reserve Center, Quincy, Massachusetts, and change the receiving site specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-64) for consolidation of Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Lawrence, Massachusetts; Naval Reserve Center, Chicopee, Massachusetts; and Naval Reserve Center, Quincy, Massachusetts, from "NAS South Weymouth, Massachusetts" to "Naval Reserve Center, Quincy, Massachusetts."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

52--Naval Air Facility, Detroit, Michigan

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-25) for the Mt. Clemons, Michigan Marine Corps Reserve Center, including MWSG-47 and supporting units, from "Marine Corps Reserve Center, Twin Cities, Minnesota" to "Air National Guard Base, Selfridge, Michigan."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

53--Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi, except retain the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy facilities which are transferred to the Academy. Relocate the undergraduate strike pilot training function and associated personnel, equipment and support to Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas. Its major tenant, the Naval Technical Training Center, will close, and its training functions will be relocated to other training activities, primarily the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia, and Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Meridian remains open.

Vote: 7-1 AD.

54-- Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Mississippi

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Mississippi, and relocate the training functions to other training activities, primarily the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia, and Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. NTTC remains open.

Vote: 5-3. WS, JD, AD.

55--Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, as a Naval Air Facility, and relocate the undergraduate pilot training function and associated personnel, equipment and support to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Florida.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Remain open and realign as necessary.

Vote: 7-1 AD.

**56--Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California, and
Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, California**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving sites for "squadrons and related activities at NAS Miramar" specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-18) from "NAS Lemoore and NAS Fallon" to "other naval air stations, primarily NAS Oceana, Virginia, NAS North Island, California, and NAS Fallon, Nevada." Change the receiving sites for MCAS Tustin, California, specified by the 1993 Commission from "NAS North Island, NAS Miramar, or MCAS Camp Pendleton" to "other naval air stations, primarily MCAS New River, North Carolina; MCB Hawaii (MCAF Kaneohe Bay); MCAS Camp Pendleton, California; and NAS Miramar, California."

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Change is that possible Tustin receiving sites are to be "consistent with operational requirements."

Vote: 8-0.

57-Naval Air Station, Alameda, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving sites specified by the 1993 Commission for the closure of Naval Air Station, Alameda, California (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-35) for "aircraft along with the dedicated personnel, equipment and support" and "reserve aviation assets" from "NAS North Island" and "NASA Ames/Moffett Field," respectively, to "other naval air stations, primarily the Naval Air Facility, Corpus Christi, Texas, to support the Mine Warfare Center of Excellence, Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

58--Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving sites specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-20) from "Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina; Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia; and Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina" to "other naval air stations, primarily Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia; Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina; Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; and Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia; or other Navy or Marine Corps Air Stations with the necessary capacity and support infrastructure." In addition, add the following: "To support Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, retain OLF Whitehouse, the Pinecastle target complex, and the Yellow Water family housing area."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

59-- Naval Air Facility, Adak, Alaska

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Naval Air Facility, Adak, Alaska.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

60--Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida, to a Naval Air Facility and dispose of certain portions of Truman Annex and Trumbo Point (including piers, wharfs and buildings).

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Realign as per DoD request but change language to include "dispose of all property not required to support operational commitments, including Truman Annex and Trumbo Point."

Vote: 8-0.

61--Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission regarding items excepted from the closure of Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii (1993 Commission, at page 1-19) from "Retain the family housing as needed for multi-service use" to "Retain the family housing as needed for multi-service use, including the following family housing support facilities: commissary facilities, Public Works Center compound with its sanitary landfill, and beach recreational areas, known as Nimitz Beach and White Plains Beach."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

**62--Navy Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center,
Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida**

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-38) for the "Nuclear Power School" (or the Navy Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center) from "the Submarine School at the Naval Submarine Base (NSB), New London" to "Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. JD.

63-- Naval Training Centers

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-38) concerning the closure of Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida, by deleting all references to Service School Command from the list of major tenants. Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-39) concerning the closure of Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, by deleting all references to Service School Command, including Service School Command (Electronic Warfare) and Service School Command (Surface), from the list of major tenants.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AD.

64-- Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Shipyard Long Beach, California, except retain the sonar dome government-owned, contractor-operated facility and those family housing units needed to fulfill Department of the Navy requirements, particularly those at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California. Relocate necessary personnel to other naval activities as appropriate, primarily Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach and naval activities in the San Diego, California, area.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 6-2. BM, RC

65--Naval Shipyard, Norfolk Detachment, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendations: Change the recommendation of the 1991 Commission relating to the closure of the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard (1991 Commission Report, at page 5-28) to delete "and preservation" (line 5) and "for emergent requirements"(lines 6-7).

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

66--Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Washington

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, Washington, by moving its ships' combat systems console refurbishment depot maintenance and general industrial workload to Naval Shipyard, Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

67--Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN, Long Beach, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN, Long Beach, California. Relocate certain functions, personnel and equipment to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN, San Diego, California.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

68--Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission recommendation: Close FISC Oakland, move DFAS and MSC to government owned space. Close Pt. Molate Naval Refueling Station, Richmond, CA. Close Navy Supply Annex, Alameda, CA.

Vote: 8-0.

69--Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Charleston, South Carolina

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center. Charleston, South Carolina.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

70--Naval Personnel Research and Development Center, San Diego, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish Naval Personnel Research and Development Center, San Diego, California, and relocate its functions, and appropriate personnel, equipment, and support to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Memphis, Tennessee, and Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division, Orlando, Florida.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

71--Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC), San Diego, California, and relocate necessary functions, personnel and equipment to the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) at Memphis, Tennessee.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. NHRC remains open in San Diego.

Vote: 8-0.

72--Office of Naval Research, Arlington, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at pages 1-59/60) by deleting the Office of Naval Research from the list of National Capital Region activities to relocate from leased space to Government-owned space within the NCR.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

73-- Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division Detachment, White Oak, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division Detachment, White Oak, Maryland. Relocate the functions, personnel and equipment associated with Ship Magnetic Signature Control R&D Complex to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock, Maryland, and the functions and personnel associated with reentry body dynamics research and development to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, Virginia.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 5-3. RC, JD, JR.

74--Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Detachment, Annapolis, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Detachment, Annapolis, Maryland, including the NIKE Site, Bayhead Road, Annapolis, except transfer the fuel storage/refueling sites and the water treatment facilities to Naval Station, Annapolis to support the U.S. Naval Academy and Navy housing. Relocate appropriate functions, personnel, equipment and support to other technical activities, primarily Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Detachment, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Naval Surface Weapons Center, Carderock Division, Carderock, Maryland; and the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. The Joint Spectrum Center, a DoD cross-service tenant, will be relocated with other components of the Center in the local area as appropriate.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

75--Naval Air Technical Services Facility, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Air Technical Services Facility (NATSF), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and consolidate necessary functions, personnel, and equipment with the Naval Aviation Depot, North Island, California.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

76--Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close the Naval Aviation Engineering Service Unit (NAESU), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and consolidate necessary functions, personnel, and equipment with the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), North Island, California.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

77--Naval Management Systems Support Office, Chesapeake, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the Naval Management Systems Support Office (NAVMASSO), Chesapeake, Virginia, and relocate its functions and necessary personnel and equipment as a detachment of Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, San Diego, California, in government-owned spaces in Norfolk, Virginia.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Modify receiving sites to Tidewater, VA area.

Vote: 8-0.

78--Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering West Coast Division, San Diego, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish the In-Service Engineering West Coast Division (NISE West), San Diego, California, of the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center (NCCOSC), including the Taylor Street Special Use Area, and consolidate necessary functions and personnel with the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, RDT&E Division, either in the NCCOSC RDT&E Division spaces at Point Loma, California, or in current NISE West spaces in San Diego, California.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

79--Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia, specified by the 1993 Commission (Commission Report, at page 1-59) from "[r]elocate...from leased space to Government-owned space within the NCR, to include the Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia; Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.; 3801 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D.C.; Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia; or the White Oak facility, Silver Spring, Maryland" to "Relocate...from leased space to Government-owned space in San Diego, California, to allow consolidation of the Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, with the Space and Naval Warfare Command headquarters. This relocation does not include SPAWAR Code 40, which is located at NRL, or the Program Executive Officer for Space Communication

Sensors and his immediate staff who will remain in Navy-owned space in the National Capital Region."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

80--Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving sites specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-59) for the relocation of the Naval Sea Systems Command, including the Nuclear Propulsion Directorate (SEA 08), the Human Resources Office supporting the Naval Sea Systems Command, and associated PEOs and DRPMs, from "the Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia; Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.; 3801 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D.C.; Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia; or the White Oak facility, Silver Spring, Maryland" to "the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. or other government-owned property in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 5-3. RC, WS, AC.

81--Naval Information Systems Management Center, Arlington, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Relocate the Naval Information Systems Management Center from leased space in Arlington, Virginia, to the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

82--Naval Recruiting Command, Washington, D.C.

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site for the Naval Recruiting Command, Washington, D.C., specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-59) from "Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois" to "Naval Support Activity, Memphis, Tennessee."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AD.

83--Naval Recruiting District, San Diego, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site for the Naval Recruiting District, San Diego, California, specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-39) from "Naval Air Station North Island" to "other government-owned space in San Diego, California."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

84--Naval Security Group Command Detachment Potomac, Washington, D.C.

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the receiving site for the Naval Security Group Command Detachment Potomac, Washington, D.C., from "National Security Agency, Ft. Meade, Maryland" specified by the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at page 1-59) to "Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

85-- Reserve Centers/Commands

Recommendation:

Close the following Naval Reserve Centers:

Stockton, California
Pomona, California
Santa Ana, Irvine, California
Laredo, Texas
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Cadillac, Michigan
Staten Island, New York
Huntsville, Alabama

Close the following Naval Air Reserve Center:

Olathe, Kansas

Close the following Naval Reserve Readiness Commands:

Region Seven - Charleston, South Carolina
Region Ten - New Orleans, Louisiana

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

86--Naval Aviation Depot, Pensacola, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1993 Commission (1993 Commission Report, at pages 1-42/43) by striking the following: "In addition, the Commission recommends that the whirl tower and dynamic components facility be moved to Cherry Point Navy or Corpus Christi Army Depots or the private sector, in lieu of the Navy's plan to retain these operations in a stand-alone facility at NADEP Pensacola."

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. JD.

87-- Fort Dix, New Jersey

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Dix by replacing the Active Component garrison with a U.S. Army Reserve garrison. Retain minimum essential ranges, facilities, and training areas required for Reserve Component (RC) training as an enclave.

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

88-- Fort Greely, Alaska

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Greely by relocating the Cold Region Test Activity (CRTA) and Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) to Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Realign Ft. Greely in accordance with SecDef recommendation, but amend to "not move facilities until July, 1997."

Vote: 8-0.

89--Fort Hunter Liggett, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Hunter Liggett by relocating the U.S. Army Test and Experimentation Center (TEC) missions and functions to Fort Bliss, Texas. Eliminate the Active Component mission. Retain minimum essential facilities and training area as an enclave to support the Reserve Components (RC).

Commission recommendation: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

90-- Fort Pickett, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Pickett, except minimum essential training areas and facilities as an enclave for the Reserve Components. Relocate the Petroleum Training Facility to Fort Dix, NJ.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Close with amendment to ensure preservation of Reserve Component training.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

91-- Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Indiantown Gap, except minimum essential facilities as a Reserve Component enclave.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Close with amendment to ensure preservation of Reserve Component training.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

92--Fort Chaffee, Arkansas

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Chaffee, except minimum essential buildings, and ranges for Reserve Component (RC) training as an enclave.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Close with amendment to ensure preservation of Reserve Component training.

Vote: 7-1. RC.

93-- Fort McClellan, Alabama

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort McClellan, except minimum essential land and facilities for a Reserve Component enclave and minimum essential facilities, as necessary, to provide auxiliary support to the chemical demilitarization operation at Anniston Army Depot. Relocate the U. S. Army Chemical and Military Police Schools to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, upon receipt of the required permits. Relocate the Defense Polygraph Institute (DODPI) to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. License Pelham Range and current Guard facilities to the Alabama Army National Guard.

Commission action: Reject DoD Proposal. Ft. McClellan closes but CDTF remains in Alabama until a new one is operable in Missouri.

Vote: 8-0.

94-- Fort Lee, Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Lee, by reducing Kenner Army Community Hospital to a clinic. Eliminate inpatient services.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-1. JR.

95-- Fort Meade, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Meade by reducing Kimbrough Army Community Hospital to a clinic. Eliminate inpatient services.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 6-2. JR, AC.

96-- Fort Ritchie, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Ritchie. Relocate the 1111th Signal Battalion and 1108th Signal Brigade to Fort Detrick, MD. Relocate Information Systems Engineering Command elements to Fort Huachuca, AZ.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Ft. Ritchie closes but preserves a National Guard enclave.

Vote: 8-0.

97-- Selfridge Army Garrison, Michigan

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close U.S. Army Garrison, Selfridge.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Selfridge remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

98-- Price Support Center, Illinois

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Charles Melvin Price Support Center, except a small reserve enclave and a storage area.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Price Support Center remains open.

Vote: 6-0-2. AD, JD.

99-- Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Buchanan by reducing garrison management functions and disposing of family housing. Retain an enclave for the reserve components, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and the Antilles Consolidated School.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Fort Buchanan closes but retains mobilization mission.

Vote: 7-1. AD.

100-- Kelly Support Center, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign the Kelly Support Center by consolidating Army Reserve units onto three of its five parcels. Dispose of the remaining two parcels. Relocate the Army Reserve's leased maintenance activity in Valley Grove, WV, to the Kelly Support Center.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Kelly is realigned. Nothing is moved from Valley Grove.

Vote: 8-0.

101-- Fort Hamilton, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Fort Hamilton. Dispose of all family housing. Retain minimum essential land and facilities for existing Army units and activities. Relocate all Army Reserve units from Caven Point, New Jersey, to Fort Hamilton.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Ft. Hamilton remains open. (See also vote #119, Caven Point.)

Vote: 8-0.

102-- Fort Totten, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Totten, except an enclave for the U. S. Army Reserve. Dispose of family housing.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

103-- Detroit Arsenal, Michigan

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Detroit Arsenal by closing and disposing of the Detroit Army Tank Plant.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AD.

104-- Tri-Service Project Reliance, Fort Detrick, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Change the recommendation of the 1991 Commission regarding Tri-Service Project Reliance. Upon disestablishment of the U.S. Army Biomedical Research Development Laboratory (USABRDL) at Fort Detrick, MD, do not collocate environmental and occupational toxicology research with the Armstrong Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. Instead relocate the health advisories environmental fate research and military criteria research functions of the Environmental Quality Research Branch to the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (AEHA), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, and maintain the remaining functions of conducting non-mammalian toxicity assessment models and on-site biomonitoring research of the Research Methods Branch at Fort Detrick as part of Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

105--Sierra Army Depot, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign Sierra Army Depot by eliminating the conventional ammunition mission and reducing it to a depot activity. Retain an enclave for the Operational Project Stock mission and the static storage of ores.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Modify DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0

106--Seneca Army Depot, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Seneca Army Depot, except an enclave to store hazardous material and ores.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

107-- Savanna Army Depot Activity, Illinois

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Savanna Army Depot Activity (ADA). Relocate the United States Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS) to McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, Oklahoma.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-0-1. AD.

108-- Stratford Army Engine Plant, Connecticut

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Stratford Army Engine Plant.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

109-- Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal, New Jersey

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal. Relocate the Military Transportation Management Command (MTMC) Eastern Area Command Headquarters and the traffic management portion of the 1301st Major Port Command to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Retain an enclave for the Navy Military Sealift Command, Atlantic, and Navy Resale and Fashion Distribution Center.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Close Bayonne, receiving locations to be determined.

Vote: 6-2. RC, AC.

110--Oakland Army Base, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure and realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission recommendation: Close Oakland Army Base.

Vote: 5-3. AC, RC, BM.

111-- Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Colorado

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fitzsimons Army Medical Center (FAMC), except for Edgar J. McWhethy Army Reserve Center. Relocate the Medical Equipment and Optical School and Optical Fabrication Laboratory to Fort Sam Houston, TX. Relocate Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) activities to Denver leased space. Relocate other tenants to other installations.

Commission recommendation: Reject DoD proposal. Close with modification to the Secretary's proposal. Tenants relocate to location to be determined by Dept. of Army.

Vote: 6-2. AC, JD.

112--Aviation-Troop Command, Missouri

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish Aviation-Troop Command (ATCOM), and close by relocating its missions/functions as follows:

- Relocate Aviation Research, Development & Engineering Center; Aviation Management; and Aviation Program Executive Offices to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL, to form the Aviation & Missile Command.

- Relocate functions related to soldier systems to Natick Research, Development, Engineering Center, MA, to align with the Soldier Systems Command.
- Relocate functions related to materiel management of communications-electronics to Fort Monmouth, NJ, to align with Communications-Electronics Command.
- Relocate automotive materiel management functions to Detroit Arsenal, MI, to align with Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 5-1-2. LK, JD, AD.

113-- Concepts Analysis Agency, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close by relocating Concepts Analysis Agency to Fort Belvoir, VA.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 8-0.

114-- Information Systems Software Command (ISSC), Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close by relocating Information Systems Software Command to Fort Meade, MD.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 8-0.

115-- Publications Distribution Center Baltimore, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close by relocating the U.S. Army Publications Distribution Center, Baltimore to the U.S. Army Publications Center St. Louis, Missouri.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 6-2. AC, RC.

116--Bellmore Logistics Activity, New York

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Bellmore Logistics Activity.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 8-0.

117-- Big Coppett Key, Florida

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Big Coppett Key.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 8-0.

118-- Camp Bonneville, Washington

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Camp Bonneville.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.
Vote: 8-0.

119-- Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Camp Kilmer, except an enclave for minimum necessary facilities to support the Reserve Components.

Commission Action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

120-- Camp Pedricktown, New Jersey

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Camp Pedricktown, except the Sievers-Sandberg Reserve Center.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

121-- Caven Point Army Reserve Center, New Jersey

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Caven Point U. S. Army Reserve Center.

Relocate its reserve activities to the Fort Hamilton, NY, provided the recommendation to realign Fort Hamilton is approved.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Caven Point remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

122-- East Fort Baker, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close East Fort Baker. Relocate all tenants to other installations that meet mission requirements. Return all real property to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

123--Fort Missoula, Montana

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Fort Missoula, except an enclave for minimum essential land and facilities to support the Reserve Component units.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

124-- Hingham Cohasset, Massachusetts

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Hingham Cohasset.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

125-- Recreation Center #2, North Carolina

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Recreation Center #2, Fayetteville, NC.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

126-- Rio Vista Army Reserve Center, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Rio Vista Army Reserve Center.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

127-- Sudbury Training Annex, Massachusetts

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Sudbury Training Annex.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

128-- Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Lompoc, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks (USDB), Lompoc, CA.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

129-- Valley Grove Area Maintenance Support Activity, West Virginia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Valley Grove Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA). Relocate reserve activity to the Kelly Support Center, PA, provided the recommendation to realign Kelly Support Center is approved.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Valley Grove remains open.

Vote: 8-0.

130-- Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, Columbus, Ohio (DDCO)

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign the Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, Ohio, and designate it as a storage site for slow moving/war reserve material. Active material remaining at DDCO at the time of realignment will be attrited. Stock replenishment will be stored in optimum space within the distribution system.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

131-- Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT)

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tennessee. Material remaining at DDMT at the time of closure will be relocated to optimum storage space within the DoD Distribution System. As a result of the closure of DDMT, all DLA activity will cease at this location and DDMT will be excess to DLA needs.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 7-1. JR.

132-- Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, Utah (DDOU)

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, Utah, except for a 36,000 square foot cantonment for Army Reserve personnel. Material remaining at DDOU at the time of closure will be relocated to optimum storage space within the DoD Distribution System. As a result of the closure of DDOU, all DLA activity will cease at this location and DDOU will be excess to DLA needs.

Commission action: Reject DoD proposal. Modify closure proposal to enlarge cantonment area. Ogden closes.

Vote: 8-0.

133-- Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: The Defense Industrial Supply Center is disestablished. Distribute the management of Federal Supply Classes (FSC) within the remaining DLA Inventory Control Points (ICP). Create one ICP for the management of troop and general support items at the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) in Philadelphia, PA.

Create two ICPs for the management of weapon system-related FSCs at the Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC), Columbus, OH and the Defense General Supply Center (DGSC), Richmond, VA.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

134-- Defense Contract Management District South (DCMD), Marietta, Georgia

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Disestablish DCMD South and relocate missions to DCMD Northeast and DCMD West.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

135-- Defense Contract Management District West (DCMD), El Segundo, California

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: This is a redirect of the following BRAC 93

Commission recommendation: "Relocate the Defense Contract Management District, El Segundo, California, to Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Los Angeles, California, or space obtained from exchange of land for space between the Navy and the Port Authority/City of Long Beach." The current recommendation is expanded to read: Relocate the DCMD, El Segundo, CA, (a) to Government property in the Los Angeles/Long Beach area, or, (b) to space obtained from exchange of land between the Navy and Port Authority/City of Long Beach, or (c) to a purchased office building, whichever is the most cost-effective for DoD.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

136-- Defense Contract Management Command International (DCMCI), Dayton, Ohio

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Realign the DCMCI (Gentile AFS), Dayton, Ohio, and merge its mission into the Defense Contract Management Command Headquarters (DCMC HQ), Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

137--Investigations Control and Automation Directorate, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: Relocate the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), Investigations Control and Automation Directorate (IC&AD) from Fort Holabird, Maryland, to a new facility to be built on Fort Meade, Maryland. This proposal is a revision to the 1988 Base Closure Commission's recommendation to retain the Defense Investigative Service at Fort Holabird. Once DIS vacates the building on Fort Holabird, the base will be vacant.

Commission action: Accept DoD proposal.

Vote: 8-0.

138-- Fort Holabird, Maryland

Secretary of Defense Recommendation: None. The Commission added this military installation to the list of bases to be considered by the Commission for closure or realignment as a proposed change to the list of recommendations submitted by the Secretary of Defense.

Commission action: Close Fort Holabird.

Vote: 8-0.

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Chairman Dixon will offer a opening statement and then take questions. The conference will take place in The Capitol, Room SC-5.

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1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment
Commission Recommendations

Part I: Major Base Closures -- (28)

Department of the Army:

Fort McClellan, AL
Fort Chaffee, AR
Oakland Army Base, CA
Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, CO
Savanna Army Depot Activity, IL
Fort Ritchie, MD
Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal, NJ
Seneca Army Depot, NY
Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
Fort Pickett, VA

Department of the Navy:

Naval Air Facility, Adak, AK
Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA
Ship Repair Facility, GU
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Indianapolis, IN
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Detachment, Louisville, KY
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division Detachment, White Oak, MD
Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, MA
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Warminster, PA

Department of the Air Force:

McClellan Air Force Base, CA
Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station, CA
Chicago O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, IL
Roslyn Air Guard Station, NY
Bergstrom Air Reserve Base, TX
Reese Air Force Base, TX

Defense Logistics Agency:

Defense Distribution Depot McClellan, CA
Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN
Defense Distribution Depot San Antonio, TX
Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT

Part II: Major Base Realignment -- (21)

Department of the Army:

Fort Greely, AK
Fort Hunter Liggett, CA
Sierra Army Depot, CA
Fort Meade, MD
Detroit Arsenal, MI
Fort Dix, NJ
Charles E. Kelly Support Center, PA
Letterkenny Army Depot, PA
Fort Buchanan, PR
Red River Army Depot, TX
Fort Lee, VA

Department of the Navy

Naval Air Station, Key West, FL
Naval Activities, GU
Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, TX
Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport, WA

Department of the Air Force

Onizuka Air Station, CA
Eglin Air Force Base, FL
Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT
Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND
Kelly Air Force Base, TX
Hill Air Force Base, UT (Utah Test and Training Range)

**Part III: Smaller Base or Activity Closures, Realignment,
Disestablishments or Relocations -- (56)**

Department of the Army

Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, CA
East Fort Baker, CA
Rio Vista Army Reserve Center, CA
Stratford Army Engine Plant, CT
Big Coppett Key, FL
Concepts Analysis Agency, MD
Fort Holabird, MD
Publications Distribution Center Baltimore, MD
Hingham Cohasset, MA
Sudbury Training Annex, MA
Aviation-Troop Command (ATCOM), MO
Fort Missoula, MT
Camp Kilmer, NJ
Camp Pedricktown, NJ
Bellmore Logistics Activity, NY
Fort Totten, NY
Recreation Center #2, Fayetteville, NC
Information Systems Software Center (ISSC), VA
Camp Bonneville, WA

Department of the Navy

Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland, CA
Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering West Coast Division, San Diego, CA
Naval Personnel Research and Development Center, San Diego, CA
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN, Long Beach, CA
Naval Undersea Warfare Center-Newport Division, New London Detachment, New London, CT
Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, Orlando, FL
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, GU
Public Works Center, GU
Naval Biodynamics Laboratory, New Orleans, LA
Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Detachment, Annapolis, MD
Naval Aviation Engineering Support Unit, Philadelphia, PA
Naval Air Technical Services Facility, Philadelphia, PA
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Open Water Test Facility, Oreland, PA
Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, RDT&E Division Detachment, Warminster, PA
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Charleston, SC

Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering East Coast Detachment, Norfolk, VA

Naval Information Systems Management Center, Arlington, VA

Naval Management Systems Support Office, Chesapeake, VA

Navy/Marine Reserve Activities

Naval Reserve Centers at:

Huntsville, AL

Stockton, CA

Santa Ana, Irvine, CA

Pomona, CA

Cadillac, MI

Staten Island, NY

Laredo, TX

Sheboygan, WI

Naval Air Reserve Center at:

Olathe, KS

Naval Reserve Readiness Commands at:

New Orleans, LA (Region 10)

Charleston, SC (Region 7)

Department of the Air Force

Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity, Buffalo, NY

Defense Logistics Agency

Defense Contract Management District South, Marietta, GA

Defense Contract Management Command International, Dayton, OH

Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, OH

Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny, PA

Defense Industrial Supply Center Philadelphia, PA

Defense Investigative Service

Investigations Control and Automation Directorate, Fort Holabird, MD

Part IV: Changes to Previously Approved BRAC Recommendations -- (27)

Department of the Army

Tri-Service Project Reliance, Army Bio-Medical Research Laboratory, Fort Detrick, MD

Department of the Navy

Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA

Marine Corps Air Station, Tustin, CA

Naval Air Station Alameda, CA

Naval Recruiting District, San Diego, CA

Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA

Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, FL

Naval Aviation Depot, Pensacola, FL

Navy Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center, Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL

Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL

Naval Air Station, Agana, GU

Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, HI

Naval Air Facility, Detroit, MI

Naval Shipyard, Norfolk Detachment, Philadelphia, PA

Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA

Office of Naval Research, Arlington, VA
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington, VA
Naval Recruiting Command, Washington, DC
Naval Security Group Command Detachment Potomac, Washington, DC

Department of the Air Force

Williams Air Force Base, AZ
Lowry Air Force Base, CO
Homestead Air Force Base, FL (301st Rescue Squadron)
Homestead Air Force Base, FL (726th Air Control Squadron)
MacDill Air Force Base, FL
Griffiss Air Force Base, NY (Airfield Support for 10th Infantry (Light) Division)
Griffiss Air Force Base, NY (485th Engineering Installation Group)

Defense Logistics Agency

Defense Contract Management District West, El Segundo, CA

Part V: DoD Recommendations Rejected by the Commission -- (22)

Proposed Closures Rejected by the Commission -- (14)

Moffett Federal Airfield AGS, CA
Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA
North Highlands Air Guard Station, CA
Price Support Center, IL
Selfridge Army Garrison, MI
Naval Air Station, Meridian, MS
Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, MS
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Lakehurst, NJ
Rome Laboratory, Rome, NY
Springfield-Beckley MAP, Air Guard Station, OH
Greater Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station, PA
Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator Activity, Fort Worth, TX
Brooks Air Force Base, TX
Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX

Proposed Realignments Rejected by the Commission -- (4)

Robins Air Force Base, GA
Fort Hamilton, NY
Tinker Air Force Base, OK
Hill Air Force Base, UT

***Proposed Recommendations Rejected by the Commission
at the Request of the Secretary of Defense -- (4)***

Caven Point Reserve Center, NJ
Kirtland Air Force Base, NM
Dugway Proving Ground, UT
Valley Grove Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA), WV

1995 Closure & Realignment Recommendations

(\$ in Millions)

	1-Time Cost	Annual Savings	20-Year Savings (Net Present Value)
DoD Submission (28 February 1995)	3,743	1,768	21,026
DoD Revised Baseline*	3,521	1,569	18,994
Final Deliberations Results	3,561	1,606	19,317
Change from DoD Revised Baseline	+ 40	+ 37	+ 323

*Reflects revisions in costs and savings estimates submitted to the Commission by the Defense Department, as well as the removal of the following installations from the list as requested by the Secretary of Defense: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM; Dugway Proving Ground, UT; Caven Point Reserve Center, NJ; and Valley Grove Maintenance Support Activity, WV.

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Annual Savings Achieved from Final Recommendations (\$Millions)

	<u>1991 Commission</u>	<u>1993 Commission</u>	<u>1995 Commission</u>
Annual Savings Proposed by DoD	1,619	3,083	1,569*
Annual Savings Achieved by Commission	1,488	2,197	1,606
Difference	- 141	- 886	+ 37

*Original March 1 estimate was \$1,768 M. Current estimate of \$1,569 M reflects revisions in savings estimates submitted to the Commission by DoD, as well as the removal of the following installations from the list of closures and realignments as requested by the Secretary of Defense: Kirtland Air Force Base, NM; Dugway Proving Ground, UT; Caven Point Reserve Center, NJ; and Valley Grove Maintenance Support Activity, WV.

1995 Base Closures and Realignments

	<u>DoD Original Recommendation</u>	<u>Commission Approved</u>	<u>Commission Added</u>	<u>Commission's Final Recommendation</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Major Closures	33	23	5	28	5
Major Realignments	26	20	1	21	5
Small Closures - Realignments	60	53	3	56	4
Redirects to Previous BRAC Recommendations	27	27	0	27	0
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TOTAL	146	123	9	132	14

1995 BASE CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS

Major Closures Rejected By Commission (10)

Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
Red River Army Depot, Texas
Price Support Center, Illinois
Rome Laboratory, Rome, New York
Selfridge Army Garrison, Michigan
Naval Air Station, Meridian, Mississippi
North Highlands Air Guard Station, California
Springfield-Beckley MAP, Air Guard Station, Ohio
Greater Pittsburgh IAP, Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Lakehurst, New Jersey

Major Realignments Rejected By Commission (6)

Fort Hamilton, New York
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia
Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico*
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma
McClellan Air Force Base, California
Dugway Proving Ground, Utah*

*Removed from list at request of the Secretary of Defense.

Small Base Closures, Realignments, Disestablishments or Relocations Rejected By Commission (7)

Caven Point Reserve Center, New Jersey*
Valley Grove Area Maintenance Support Activity (AMSA), West Virginia*
Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, California
Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Mississippi
Moffett Federal Airfield AGS, California
Air Force Electronic Warfare Evaluation Simulator Activity, Fort Worth, Texas
Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas

Installations Added by Commission (9)

McClellan Air Force Base, California (Close)
Oakland Army Base, California (Close)
Chicago O'Hare IAP, Air Reserve Station, Illinois (Close)
Defense Distribution Depot McClellan, California (Close)
Defense Distribution Depot San Antonio, California (Close)
Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, California (Close)
Fort Holabird, Maryland (Close)
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas (Realign)
Public Works Center, Guam (Realign)

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BRAC 1995
Net Direct Job Change.
By State

State	Direct-95	Indirect-95	Total	% of State Jobs
Alabama	(6,372)	(1,169)	(7,541)	(0.4%)
Alaska	(1,083)	(365)	(1,448)	(0.4%)
Arizona	312	126	438	0.0%
Arkansas	(290)	(119)	(409)	0.0%
California	(19,372)	(22,898)	(42,270)	(0.3%)
Colorado	(2,607)	(1,464)	(4,071)	(0.2%)
Connecticut	(2,203)	(3,238)	(5,441)	(0.3%)
Delaware	0	0	0	0.0%
District of Columbia	(123)	(89)	(212)	0.0%
Florida	2,998	1,330	4,328	0.1%
Georgia	487	440	927	0.0%
Guam	(3,600)	(1,680)	(5,280)	(7.9%)
Hawaii	1,768	1,108	2,876	0.4%
Idaho	126	37	163	0.0%
Illinois	(1,367)	(625)	(1,992)	0.0%
Indiana	(547)	(2,177)	(2,724)	(0.1%)
Iowa	0	0	0	0.0%
Kansas	(14)	(8)	(22)	0.0%
Kentucky	(13)	(2,093)	(2,106)	(0.1%)
Louisiana	(139)	(119)	(258)	0.0%
Maine	220	77	297	0.0%
Maryland	(1,802)	(1,482)	(3,284)	(0.1%)
Massachusetts	(525)	340	(185)	0.0%
Michigan	147	70	217	0.0%
Minnesota	(54)	(27)	(81)	0.0%
Mississippi	114	57	171	0.0%
Missouri	(2,806)	(2,297)	(5,103)	(0.2%)
Montana	(740)	(223)	(963)	(0.2%)
Nebraska	356	150	506	0.1%
Nevada	25	10	35	0.0%
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0.0%
New Jersey	(2,303)	(1,209)	(3,512)	(0.1%)
New Mexico	670	936	1,606	0.2%
New York	(227)	(93)	(320)	0.0%
North Carolina	(2,709)	(853)	(3,562)	(0.1%)
North Dakota	(837)	(248)	(1,085)	(0.3%)
Ohio	(253)	(854)	(1,107)	0.0%
Oklahoma	4,081	3,391	7,472	0.4%
Oregon	0	0	0	0.0%
Pennsylvania	(3,093)	(3,736)	(6,829)	(0.1%)
Puerto Rico	(161)	(96)	(257)	0.0%
Rhode Island	572	492	1,064	0.2%
South Carolina	4,161	847	5,008	0.3%
South Dakota	0	0	0	0.0%
Tennessee	(854)	(1,807)	(2,661)	(0.1%)
Texas	(13,381)	(19,476)	(32,857)	(0.3%)
Utah	4,929	7,477	12,406	1.3%
Vermont	0	0	0	0.0%
Virginia	1,928	1,460	3,388	0.1%
Washington	852	279	1,131	0.0%
West Virginia	(7)	(3)	(10)	0.0%
Wisconsin	(6)	(2)	(8)	0.0%
Wyoming	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	(43,742)	(49,823)	(93,565)	

TESTIMONY/QUOTES ON AIR FORCE DEPOTS

General Accounting Office Report to the Congress and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (Military Bases. Analysis of DOD's 1995 Process and Recommendations for Closure and Realignment, April, 1995) p.7:

“Even though the Air Force recognized that it had excess capacity at its five maintenance depots and was considering closing two, it opted late in the process to realign the workforce rather than close any depots. However, the Air Force based its decision on preliminary data from incomplete internal studies on the potential for consolidating and realigning workload and reducing personnel levels at the depots. Some of these studies were completed after DOD's BRAC report was published and do not fully support the BRAC-recommended consolidations. These recommended consolidations appear to expand the workload at some depots that are in the process of downsizing. Thus, the Air Force's recommendation may not be cost-effective and does not solve the problem of excess depot capacity.”

Secretary of the Army Togo West, Testimony before the commission on June 14, 1995:

“I think, frankly, that our analysis tells us that the Department of Defense is bleeding depot money. We are just spending money on capacity that we simply do not need now.”

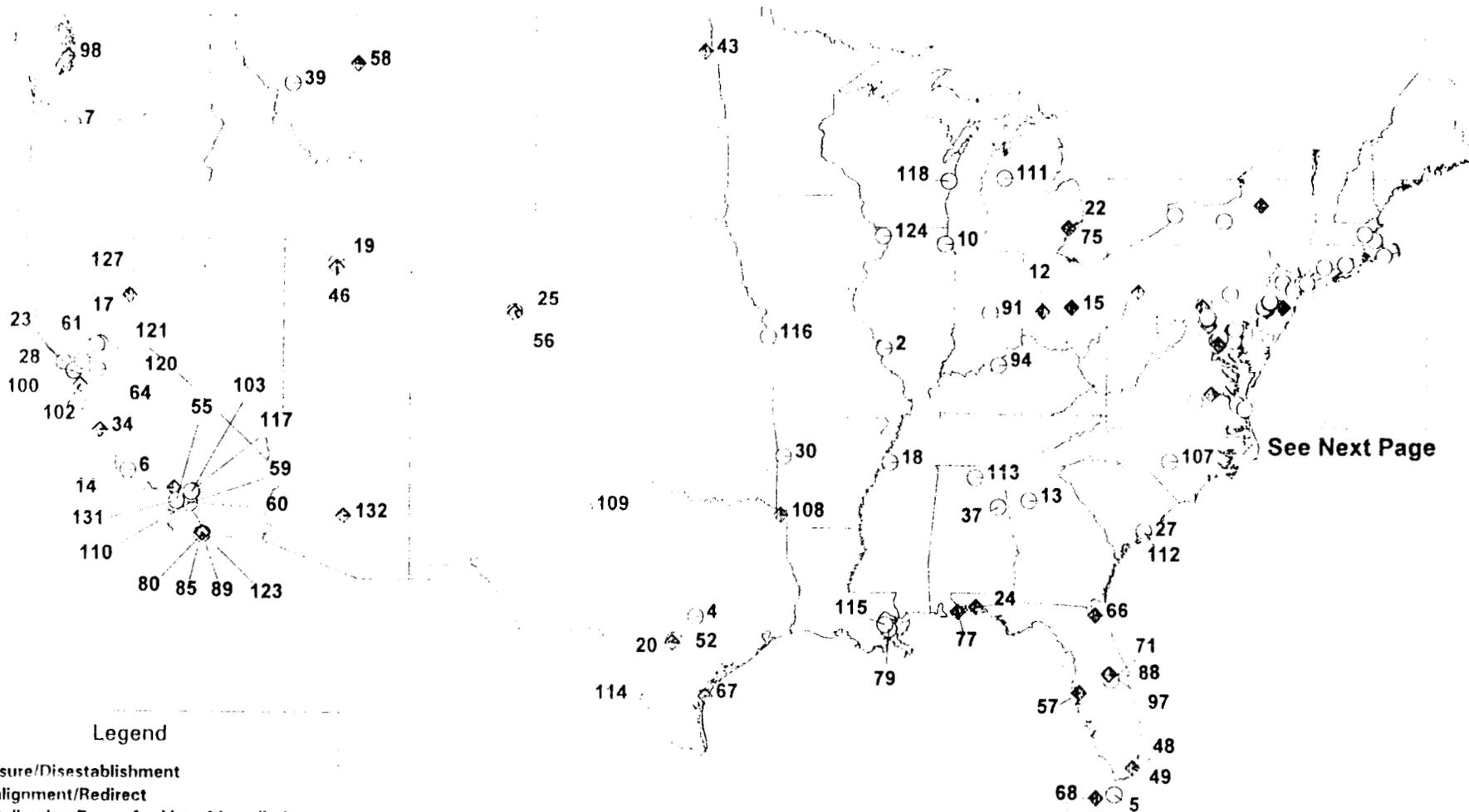
“We have concluded that that [downsizing rather than closing depots] is not the way to go and that those who may be going that way are not making as good judgments as we are.”

Report of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces, May 24, 1995 (Chaired by Dr. John White, currently Deputy Secretary of Defense), p. 3-7:

“With proper oversight, private contractors could provide essentially all of the depot-level maintenance services now conducted in government facilities within the United States....”

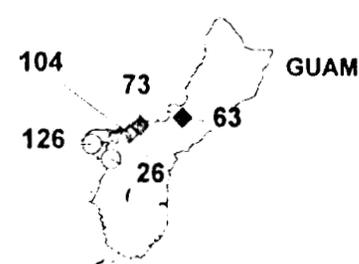
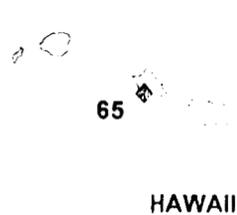
“We recommend that the Department make the transition to a depot maintenance system relying mostly on the private sector. DOD should retain organic depot capability only where private-sector alternatives are not available and cannot be developed reasonably.”

1995 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission Actions

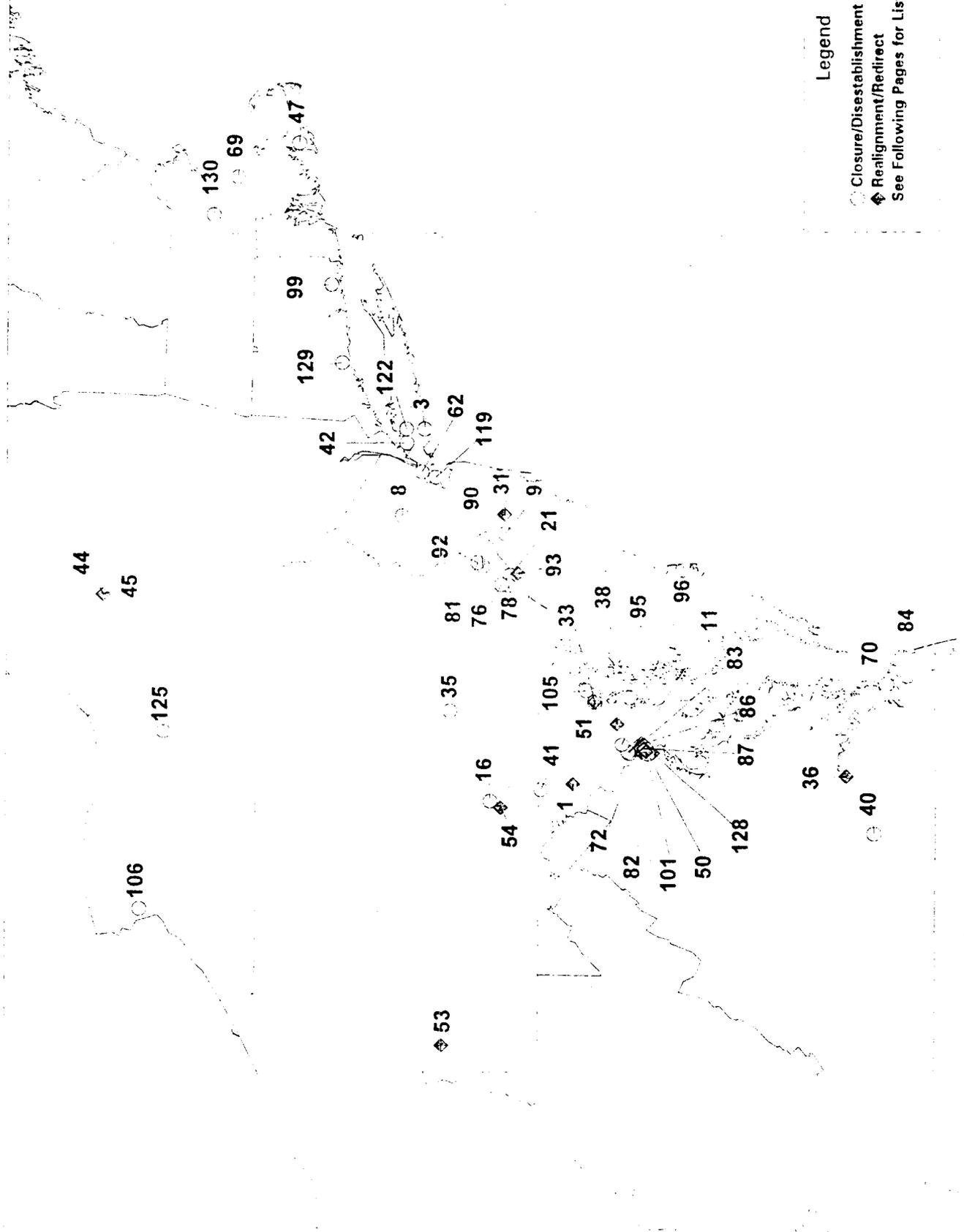


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1995 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission Actions - Northeast Region



- Legend**
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List of 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Actions

Number Name

- 1 Army Bio-Medical Research Lab, Fort Detrick, MD
- 2 Aviation-Troop Command (ATCOM), MO
- 3 Bellmore Logistics Activity, NY
- 4 Bergstrom AFB, TX
- 5 Big Coppett Key, FL
- 6 Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Lompoc, CA
- 7 Camp Bonneville, WA
- 8 Camp Kilmer, NJ
- 9 Camp Pedricktown, NJ
- 10 Chicago O'Hare IAP ARS, IL
- 11 Concepts Analysis Agency, Bethesda, MD
- 12 DCMC International, Dayton, OH
- 13 DCMD South, Marietta, GA
- 14 DCMD West, El Segundo, CA
- 15 Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, OH
- 16 Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny, PA
- 17 Defense Distribution Depot McClellan, CA
- 18 Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN
- 19 Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT
- 20 Defense Distribution Depot San Antonio, TX
- 21 Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 22 Detroit Arsenal, MI
- 23 East Fort Baker, CA
- 24 Eglin AFB, FL
- 25 Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, CO
- 26 Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Guam
- 27 Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Charleston, SC
- 28 Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, CA
- 29 Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico
- 30 Fort Chaffee, AR
- 31 Fort Dix, NJ
- 32 Fort Greely, AK
- 33 Fort Holabird, MD
- 34 Fort Hunter Liggett, CA

35 Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
36 Fort Lee, VA
37 Fort McClellan, AL
38 Fort Meade, MD
39 Fort Missoula, MT
40 Fort Pickett, VA
41 Fort Ritchie, MD
42 Fort Totten, NY
43 Grand Forks AFB, ND
44 Griffiss AFB, 10th Infantry Airfield Support, NY
45 Griffiss AFB, 485th Engineering Installation Group, NY
46 Hill AFB, UT
47 Hingham Cohasset, MA
48 Homestead ARB, 301st Rescue Squadron, FL
49 Homestead ARB, 726th Air Control Squadron, FL
50 Information Systems Software Center, VA
51 Investigations Control & Automation Directorate, MD
52 Kelly AFB, TX
53 Kelly Support Center, PA
54 Letterkenny Army Depot, PA
55 Long Beach Naval Shipyard, CA
56 Lowry AFB, CO
57 MacDill AFB, FL
58 Malmstrom AFB, MT
59 MCAS, El Toro, CA
60 MCAS, Tustin, CA
61 McClellan AFB, CA
62 Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal, NJ
63 NAS, Agana, Guam
64 NAS, Alameda, CA
65 NAS, Barbers Point, HI
66 NAS, Cecil Field, FL
67 NAS, Corpus Christi, TX
68 NAS, Key West, FL
69 NAS, South Weymouth, MA
70 Nav. CC & Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service, East Coast Det.,
Norfolk, VA

- 71 Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Det., Orlando, FL
- 72 Naval Security Group Command Detachment, Washington, DC
- 73 Naval Activities, Guam
- 74 Naval Air Facility, Adak, AK
- 75 Naval Air Facility, Detroit, MI
- 76 Naval Air Technical Services Facility, Philadelphia, PA
- 77 Naval Aviation Depot, Pensacola, FL
- 78 Naval Aviation Engineering Services Unit, Philadelphia, PA
- 79 Naval Biodynamics Laboratory, New Orleans, LA
- 80 Naval CC & Ocean Surveillance Center, San Diego, CA
- 81 Naval CC & Ocean Surveillance Center, Warminster, PA
- 82 Naval Information Systems Management Center, Arlington, VA
- 83 Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD
- 84 Naval Management System Support Office, Chesapeake, VA
- 85 Naval Personnel Research & Development Center, San Diego, CA
- 86 Naval Recruiting Command, Washington, DC
- 87 Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA
- 88 Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL
- 89 Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA
- 90 NAWC, Aircraft Division, Open Water Test Facility, Oreland, PA
- 91 NAWC, Aircraft Division, Indianapolis, IN
- 92 NAWC, Aircraft Division, Warminster, PA
- 93 Naval Shipyard, Norfolk Detachment, Philadelphia, PA
- 94 NSWC, Louisville, KY
- 95 NSWC, Carderock Detachment, Annapolis, MD
- 96 NSWC, Dahlgren Division Detachment, White Oak, MD
- 97 Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center, Orlando, FL
- 98 NUWC, Keyport, WA
- 99 NUWC, Newport Division, New London, CT
- 100 Oakland Army Base, CA
- 101 Office of Naval Research, Arlington, VA
- 102 Onizuka AGS, CA
- 103 Ontario IAP AGS, CA
- 104 Public Works Center, Guam
- 105 Publications Distribution Center, Baltimore, MD
- 106 Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity, Buffalo, NY

- 107 Recreation Center #2, Fayetteville, NC
- 108 Red River Army Depot, TX
- 109 Reese AFB, TX
- 110 Reserve Center Santa Ana, Irvine, CA
- 111 Reserve Center, Cadillac, MI
- 112 Readiness Command Region 7, Charleston, SC
- 113 Reserve Center, Huntsville, AL
- 114 Reserve Center, Laredo, TX
- 115 Readiness Command Region 10, New Orleans, LA
- 116 Air Reserve Center, Olathe, KS
- 117 Reserve Center, Pomona, CA
- 118 Reserve Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 119 Reserve Center, Staten Island, NY
- 120 Reserve Center, Stockton, CA
- 121 Rio Vista Army Reserve Center, CA
- 122 Roslyn AGS, NY
- 123 Naval Recruiting District, San Diego, CA
- 124 Savanna Army Depot Activity, IL
- 125 Seneca Army Depot, NY
- 126 Ship Repair Facility, Guam
- 127 Sierra Army Depot, CA
- 128 Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington, VA
- 129 Stratford Army Engine Plant, CT
- 130 Sudbury Training Annex, MA
- 131 Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Long Beach, CA
- 132 Williams AFB, AZ

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COMMISSION TO SEND BASE CLOSURE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENT

List would achieve greater savings than requested by Pentagon

WASHINGTON, DC, June 30, 1995 -- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will submit its final report to President Clinton tomorrow, recommending 79 closures and 26 realignments of domestic military installations that will result in savings to the taxpayers of \$19.3 billion over 20 years.

The savings figure is \$323 million higher than the revised savings baseline submitted by the Department of Defense, and it represents the first time in three base closure rounds that the Commission has achieved greater savings than those contemplated by the Defense Department.

"This is a prudent list that reduces excess infrastructure in the Defense Department," Commission Chairman Alan J. Dixon said in a news conference. "Closing bases now is the key to the continued readiness and future modernization of our military forces."

In its report to the President, the Commission also recommends that another round of base closures be held in the year 2001, after the full impact of the 1991, 1993 and 1995 rounds has been assessed.

"Significant excess infrastructure still remains in the Department of Defense. Base closures have not matched the reductions in spending or force levels that we have experienced over the last 10 years," Dixon said. "Clearly, that situation needs to be addressed in the future."

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Page Two - Base Closure

The Commission also includes in its report a set of 20 recommendations for the President and Congress that suggest ways for the federal government to improve its performance in assisting local communities in recovering from the economic consequences of base closure. (The reuse recommendations are attached at the end of this release.)

Altogether, the 1995 Commission recommends 28 major and 51 smaller closures; 21 major and five smaller realignments; and it acted on 27 requests from DOD to change recommendations of previous Commissions.

Under the Commission's recommendations, 20-year savings to the Department would be \$19.317 billion, compared with the DOD baseline figure of \$18.994 billion; one-time cost to the Department would be \$3.561 billion, compared with a DOD figure of \$3.521 billion; and annual savings would be \$1.606 billion, compared with DOD's \$1.569 billion.

The Commission rejected a total of 19 of the 146 closures or realignments proposed by the Department of Defense, and closed or realigned nine installations not requested by the Pentagon.

Once the President has received the recommendations, he has until July 15 to decide whether to accept them in full and send them to Congress, or return them to the Commission, stating his reasons for doing so.

If they are returned to the Commission, it has until August 15 to send the recommendations back to the President, either changed in accordance with his concerns or not. At that point, the President may approve the whole list and send it to Congress, or reject the whole list, ending the process for 1995 and resulting in no base closures.

If the President returns tomorrow's recommendations to the Commission, the Base Closure law gives the Commission the authority to revisit its decision on any of the 178 bases it studied for closure or realignment.

(Copies of the Commission's report will be available in quantity for media Wednesday, July 5 at the Commission office.)

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REUSE RECOMMENDATIONS

TO CONGRESS:

- 1) The Commission believes certain legislative changes to the statutory cleanup process could benefit the communities by returning property to productive reuse and save money in the long run. These changes were suggested initially by DoD, and in some instances, in conjunction with EPA:
 - a) Allow DoD to take into consideration the long-term, anticipated land use when making cleanup decisions. According to DoD, this would facilitate the transfer of property and yield better coordinated cleanups and reuse plans.
 - b) Provide flexibility in the choice of remediation methods -- permanent solutions may not make sense in all instances.
 - c) Provide EPA with discretionary authority -- similar to that enjoyed by private sites -- not to place closing military bases on the National Priority List (NPL) if, in EPA's judgment, sufficient progress is being made towards cleanup.
 - d) Clarify section 120(h) of CERCLA to allow long term lease of contaminated property at closing military bases. This would help to speed up the return of bases to productive reuse, and ensure DoD access to the property to perform the required remediation.
 - e) Amend CERFA to clarify that storage of hazardous material does not automatically prevent a parcel of land from being clean, if the amount of material stored was either minimal or if there was no release. According to DoD, the current statutory language excludes many residential areas from being considered clean parcels because domestic hazardous materials, such as paint and home heating oil, were stored for more than a year.

2) The Commission recommends that Congress provide adequate funding levels to those programs that are determined to impact critically on community planning and economic development (including the OEA and EDA programs), and job training and retraining (various Labor Department programs).

3) The Commission recommends Congress carefully review and support DoD funding levels to meet its environmental obligations to clean up contamination and prevent future contamination. The Commission believes Congress should provide adequate funding levels for environmental restoration activities at closing bases.

4) The Commission recommends a change in the property disposal law to allow all parties demonstrating an interest in property at closing bases to come to the table at the same time, bringing their needs and requests for evaluation. This would allow for planned reuse decisions that meet the needs of the local community, and would retain within the Executive Branch the ability to obtain property for beneficial public uses. The current system permits former military bases to be "picked apart" by other Federal agencies, which have first call on the most desirable portions of the installation.

TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

1) The Commission recommends DoD clean up the most commercially viable contaminated base areas first, and the least desirable contaminated areas later, as long as the sites are stabilized and no public health threats are imminent.

2) The Commission recommends DoD and other Federal government departments and agencies adhere to the statutory deadlines for completing the screening process of surplus real property at closing bases.

3) The Commission urges the General Services Administration to reconsider its interpretation of the Federal Property Act to allow the transfer and leaseback of base closure property in certain limited circumstances where there are economic advantages to the community and to the DoD tenants. If the GSA determines that it does not have authority under the Federal Property Act to approve the transfer and leaseback of the property, then the Commission urges GSA to pursue a legislative initiative that would allow this type of transaction.

4) The Commission recommends DoD act expeditiously to promulgate the final rules and regulations required to implement the President's Five Point Plan to stimulate and encourage community reinvestment and speedy job creation.

5) The Commission recommends DoD act expeditiously to promulgate an emissions trading policy which would clarify who retains air emission credits when base closing properties are transferred from military departments to communities.

6) The Commission recommends DoD and EPA identify factors that will encourage senior DoD environmental cleanup personnel to remain at closing bases throughout the cleanup process.

7) The Commission recommends Base Transition Coordinators (BTC) be given authority to make and implement more local decisions in a timely fashion. The DoD should establish a better working relationship with the BTCs to avoid frequent revocations from the Pentagon, a problem that can be an obstacle to speedy economic development.

8) Since early community planning is so crucial to successful community redevelopment, the Commission urges DoD to take a more pro-active role and work more aggressively with public and private organizations in developing strategies that will help communities use advanced reuse planning as a tool rather than seeing it as an obstacle.

TO COMMUNITIES:

It is far easier to identify what legislative and policy steps Congress and the Executive Branch might take to assist communities in making a successful economic transition after base closure than it is to direct suggestions to the hundreds of diverse communities. Nonetheless, some changes in community attitudes and activities can also make a large contribution to improving the quality of life after closure.

1) Communities are encouraged to contact the various Federal departments and agencies that are mentioned earlier in this report for assistance in the reuse process. As an example, DoD's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) provides technical assistance and grants to communities that wish to do advance reuse planning. OEA can help the community form a committee of appropriate public and private sector representatives to plan, coordinate, and implement economic adjustment efforts. A request for assistance can be made to the Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, Virginia 22202-2884. OEA can be reached by telephone at 703/604-6020. Communities are also encouraged to contact the Commerce Department's Office of Economic Conversion Information (listed below) for a list of successful base closings that can serve as a model. In addition, both offices can offer other important and relevant information about closing bases.

2) Early organization is crucial to a community. Should the community decide to fight to keep a base open, the Commission recommends that concurrently, the community organize and work just as hard toward developing a contingency civilian reuse plan as early as possible, and not wait for base closure to occur.

3) Early formation of a local redevelopment authority is critical to early development of a comprehensive redevelopment plan. Membership should be kept to a manageable size, and should not exclude any key elements of the community. This is the body that must develop the base reuse plan.

4) The local redevelopment authority should be well organized and speak as a single body from the time of its initial approach to the Federal government, and throughout the reuse process. Community and jurisdictional disagreements may cause confusion for those who have to work and communicate with the redevelopment authority, and may prohibit the group from reaching its goal of reuse of the closing base in a timely fashion. In many instances, failure to develop a reuse plan is the result of unresolved local disagreements.

5) The Commission recommends that the local redevelopment authority solicit early support for its community reuse plan from surrounding impacted jurisdictions.

6) It is crucial for the local redevelopment authority to identify as early as possible all real and personal properties it wishes to retain for reuse. Additionally, it is crucial for the authority to work with the disposing military department to resolve issues surrounding the properties, such as tenant use of utilities, and responsibilities for property maintenance.

7) It is important for local redevelopment authorities to work with the disposing military department in developing an effective marketing strategy for reuse of the base.

8) The Commission recommends the free services of the Office of Economic Conversion Information in Washington, D.C. to communities, individuals, and businesses who seek information about the Federal reuse process and activities. This is a Federal clearinghouse that is cosponsored by the Departments of Commerce and Defense. The clearinghouse can be reached by telephone at 1-800-345-1222. (Participating Federal Depository Libraries are also available at this number.) The hearing impaired may access the clearinghouse by dialing 1-202-501-0868 TDD. A request for information can be made to: The Office of Economic Conversion Information, Economic Development Administration, Room 7231, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230-0001.

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July 8, 1995

The Honorable John P. White
 Deputy Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in response to your request for my views on the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's recommendations concerning the disposition of the workloads at McClellan Air Force Base and Kelly Air Force Base.

Let me say that, in general, the Commission was very supportive of the concept of privatization of DoD industrial and commercial activities, as noted in Chapter 3 of the Commission's Report:

"The Commission believes reducing infrastructure by expanding privatization to other DoD industrial and commercial activities will reduce the cost of maintaining and operating a ready military force. ... Privatization of these functions would reduce operating costs, eliminate excess infrastructure, and allow uniformed personnel to focus on skills and activities directly related to their military missions."

The Commission's recommendations for the closure of McClellan Air Force Base and the realignment of Kelly Air Force Base include the following sentence:

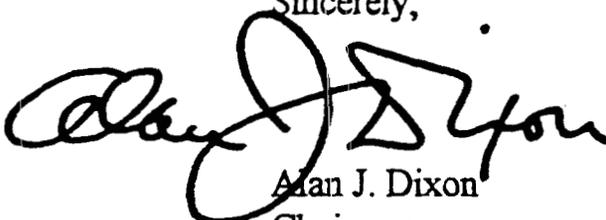
"Consolidate the [remaining] workloads to other DoD depots or to private sector commercial activities as determined by the Defense Depot Maintenance Council."

The word "remaining" is used only in the Commission's recommendation for McClellan Air Force Base because the Commission directed the movement of the common-use ground-communication electronics workload currently performed at McClellan Air Force Base to Tobyhanna Army Depot.

It is my view, and the view of the Commission's General Counsel, that the Commission's recommendation in the case of both McClellan Air Force Base and Kelly Air Force Base authorizes the transfer of any workload, other than the common-use ground-communication electronics workload, to any other DoD depot or to any private sector commercial activity, local or otherwise, including privatization in place. This recommendation also permits the Defense Department, in my view and that of the Commission's General Counsel, to carry out any activities associated with privatization, such as allowing necessary DoD personnel to remain in place to support transition activities.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my views with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Alan J. Dixon
Chairman

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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN DIXON REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL
OF THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

July 13, 1995 – ARLINGTON, VA – I am pleased the President has accepted the Commission's recommendations and sent them to Congress.

Our recommendations were arrived at fairly and openly, and will result in the prudent reduction of the Defense Department's excess infrastructure. The resulting savings will provide our military with financial resources needed to maintain readiness and support future modernization, and will assure the most efficient possible use of taxpayer dollars.

I urge Congress to support the Commission's recommendation.

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RE: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

DATE: JULY 14, 1995

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Attached is a copy of the letter sent today from Base Closure Commission Chairman Alan J. Dixon to President Clinton, responding to the President's letter of yesterday.

We have also attached a copy of the President's letter.



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July 14, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter indicating that you have decided to accept the recommendations of the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission and forward them to the Congress. I believe that these recommendations are in the best interests of our national security, and I hope they will be supported by the Congress.

The Commission's recommendations were arrived at fairly and openly, and will result in the prudent reduction of the Defense Department's excess infrastructure. The resulting savings will provide our military with financial resources needed to maintain readiness and support future modernization, and will assure the most efficient possible use of taxpayer dollars.

Like previous Commissions, the 1995 Commission made changes to the list of closures and realignments forwarded to us by the Secretary of Defense in those cases where we found that the Secretary deviated substantially from the force structure plan or the selection criteria. Of the 146 recommendations on Secretary Perry's original list, the Commission approved 123, or 84 percent. This is very similar to previous commissions. The 1993 Commission accepted 84 percent of the Defense Department's recommendations, and the 1991 Commission accepted 83 percent. Of the 23 DOD recommendations which the Commission rejected, 4 were rejected at the specific request of the Defense Department.

The Commission also closed or realigned 9, or 28 percent, of the 32 additional bases added by the Commission for consideration. Again, this is

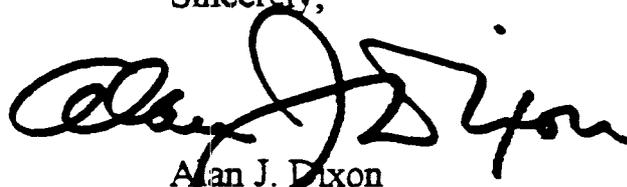
consistent with past practice. Of the 72 bases added for consideration by the 1993 Commission, that Commission closed or realigned 18, or 25 percent.

Mr. President, I want to assure you that the Commission was very cognizant of the economic impact and cumulative economic impact of all of the recommendations that we acted on. Our primary focus, however, was on military value. Of the 8 selection criteria used by the Department of Defense for the 1991, 1993 and 1995 base closure rounds, the first four deal with considerations of military value. Under the Defense Department's own guidance, these four military value criteria were given priority consideration. The economic impact criterion was important, but was not given the same priority by either the Defense Department or the Commission in deciding which bases to close or realign.

The decision to close any military installation is a very painful one. Every installation recommended for closure by this Commission has a proud history of service to our nation. At the same time, as you indicated in your remarks to the media yesterday, the Defense Department has many more bases than it needs to support our forces. I am convinced that closing bases today is the key to the future readiness and modernization of our military forces.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve the country again as Chairman of the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,



Alan J. Dixon
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1995

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I have reviewed the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) submitted to me on July 1, 1995. Because of the overwhelming national security interest in reducing our base structure in line with the personnel reductions that have already taken place, I have decided, with reluctance and with the clear understanding that the Secretary of Defense can implement a privatization plan for McClellan Air Force Base (AFB), in Sacramento, California, and Kelly AFB, in San Antonio, Texas, that reduces the economic impact on these communities and avoids unacceptable disruption of Air Force readiness, to accept the Commission's recommendations. As stated in his letter of July 13, 1995 (attached), Secretary Perry recommended that I approve this course of action.

I recognize that the Commission had a difficult job to perform. I also recognize that the Commission was subject to intense political pressures from Congress and others who lobbied on behalf of communities that surround defense installations and facilities across the country.

That said, I regret that in your own words, the 1995 BRAC produced "the greatest single deviation from the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense in the history of the base closure process," including the rejection of 23 of the base closures or realignments recommended by Secretary Perry and the addition of 9 others that he had not recommended.

I do not disagree with all of your changes, but I believe that there was too much deviation from the DoD recommendations. Moreover, it appears that military readiness factors were applied inconsistently. For example, in the case of Red River Army Depot, in Texas, you rejected the DoD's recommendation that the installation be closed, citing "too much a risk in readiness" if these activities were relocated to Anniston Army Depot, Alabama. Yet in the cases of the huge air logistics centers (ALCs) at McClellan and Kelly AFBs, you disregarded the Air Force's

conclusion that closure would unacceptably disrupt Air Force readiness due to the turmoil associated with relocating these extensive and complex mission-critical activities.

In addition, I believe that the harshness of economic impact, on balance, is greater under your plan than under the DoD recommendations, for savings that were about the same as the Defense plan. Although the law requires consideration of economic impact, it does not appear that this crucial factor was adequately taken into account in some of your decisions. The Commission acknowledged but disregarded the economic impact of closing Kelly AFB, and in a number of public statements you have denied that a disproportionate impact is being inflicted on California.

In the Commission's comments on Kelly AFB, it acknowledged that closing the base would have a severe economic impact and produce a 73% increase in San Antonio Hispanic unemployment. Yet it is not clear that the reassignment of airfield operations at Kelly, and certain tenant units to adjoining Lackland AFB would have adequately mitigated this impact had we not also been able to preserve jobs at the ALC through privatization.

Here are the facts on California: when the base closure rounds first began California accounted for 13 percent of the U.S. population, 15 percent of DoD military and civilian personnel and almost 20 percent of defense contract dollars. Yet in the three previous base closing rounds California suffered 52 percent of the direct jobs that were eliminated or relocated. Two of the deviations made by your Commission -- the recommendations to close McClellan and Kelly AFBs -- could, had we not clarified the options available to the Secretary of Defense, have exacerbated this previous cumulative impact and, as noted, unacceptably disrupted Air Force readiness.

The Department of Defense had carefully assessed the economic impact on communities in accordance with the established criteria for determining closure recommendations in developing its recommendations to you. Regrettably, in adding McClellan AFB, Oakland Army Base and the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, to the closure list, the Commission's recommendations would again hit California with roughly half of all jobs eliminated or relocated in BRAC 95 -- a percentage that is both disproportionate, far in excess of that recommended by DoD and clearly unsupportable in light of new BRAC closings.

At the same time, the goal of streamlining our defense infrastructure by closing bases we no longer need is important to our national security. My Administration has pursued this goal through our support for the BRAC 1993 Commission recommendations

and our February 28, 1995, recommendations to you for a robust and balanced base closing round. We also have a commitment to treat fairly the dedicated men and women who work at these bases and the communities that have so faithfully supported our Armed Forces at these facilities.

As we reviewed your report, the Secretary of Defense advised me that if he had the clear authority to transfer work at McClellan and Kelly to the private sector -- on site or in the community -- and thereby make productive use of most of the highly skilled work force and specialized equipment in place, the operational risks and costs of the transition at these two bases would be reduced, while mitigating the adverse economic impacts on the surrounding communities.

This privatization approach is fully consistent with my Administration's initiative to reinvent government and with the recent recommendation of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces to establish a time-phased plan to privatize essentially all existing depot-level maintenance, including the five ALCs. This is, moreover, an approach that the Defense Department has in fact begun to implement at other facilities. For example a privatization competition is currently underway for work being performed at Newark AFB, Ohio, which was slated for closure in FY 1997 by the 1993 BRAC. I strongly support the Defense Department's pursuit of this and other suitable opportunities for privatization. Candidates identified by your Commission include the Naval Air Warfare Center in Indianapolis and the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Louisville.

In this regard, I was pleased to learn that in a July 8, 1995, letter to Deputy Secretary of Defense White, you confirmed that the Commission's recommendations permit the Department of Defense to privatize the work loads of the McClellan and Kelly facilities in place or elsewhere in their respective communities. The ability of the Defense Department to do so mitigates the economic impact on those communities and should protect against job loss, while helping the Air Force avoid the disruption in readiness that would result from relocation, as well as preserve the important defense work forces there.

Today I have forwarded the Commission's recommendations to the Congress in accordance with Public Law 101-510, as amended, and recommended that they be approved. In my communication with the Congress, I have made clear that the Commission's agreement that the Secretary enjoys full authority and discretion to transfer workload from these two installations to the private sector, in place, locally or otherwise, is an integral part of the overall BRAC 95 package it will be considering. Moreover, should the Congress approve this package but then subsequently take action

in other legislation to restrict privatization options at McClellan or Kelly, I will regard this as a breach of Public Law 101-510 in the same manner as if the Congress were to attempt to reverse by legislation any other material direction of this or any other BRAC.

Please thank the members of the Commission for their hard work. The BRAC process is the only way that the Congress and the executive branch have found to make closure decisions with reasonable objectivity and with finality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
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Exclusive to The Washington Post

July 31, 1995

Dear Editor:

My friend John White brings a wealth of public and private sector experience to his new position as the Deputy Secretary of Defense, most recently having served as the Chairman of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces. I would like to respond to his recent article on the actions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, particularly his premise that any alteration made by the Commission to the Defense Department closure or realignment recommendations represents a "commission misjudgment."

The base closure process includes a system of checks and balances, including review by the General Accounting Office (GAO), to ensure that the final closure and realignment actions are in the best interest of the country as a whole. The Base Closure Commission was created by Congress specifically to provide an independent review of the Defense Department's base closure and realignment recommendations. The eight members of the 1995 Commission could not have taken this responsibility more seriously.

The 1995 Commission accepted 84 percent of the Pentagon's recommendations (123 of 146), which is the same percentage as the 1993 Commission and one percent higher than the 1991 Commission. The 1995 Commission kept open 19 bases that the Department originally recommended for closure. In spite of the "thousands of hours and more than a year weighing the issues" by the Defense Department which Deputy Secretary White referred to, errors occurred. Four of these bases, including the largest base recommended for closure by the Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, were kept open at the specific request of the Secretary of Defense. The Commission closed only five bases not recommended by the Secretary. We kept open some bases that the Department wanted to close, but the savings we achieved with our list are greater than the level contemplated by the Pentagon

The Air Force depots at McClellan and Kelly Air Force Bases have been the center of the recent controversy. The Air Force, as well as the DOD Depot Maintenance Joint Cross-Service Group, found significant excess capacity at all five of the depots and originally looked at the possibility of closing the two lowest ranked depots, Kelly and McClellan. The Air Force did not recommend closing any depots because of what appeared to be high closing costs and small savings.

The GAO questioned the validity of the Air Force cost estimates because they were based on ongoing, incomplete studies which had begun in July of 1994, just six months before the recommendations were submitted to the Commission. In our careful review of this issue, we concluded that the Air Force overstated the costs to close and understated the savings from closing the depots. As a result, although it was a very difficult decision, the Commission recommended McClellan Air Force Base for closure and Kelly Air Force Base for realignment.

The commissioners reviewed the economic impact of every recommendation that came before us. Was the Commission unfair to California? The eight selection criteria for closure and realignment -- written by the Defense Department and concurred in by Congress -- clearly make economic impact a secondary consideration to military value. Economic impact is important, but it was not given the same priority as military value in deciding which bases to close or realign by either the Defense Department or the Commission.

It is true that California experienced the greatest number of job losses in this round. In terms of percentage of total jobs lost in each state, however, California ranked seventh -- behind Guam (where almost eight percent of the island's jobs were eliminated), Alaska, Texas, Alabama, Connecticut and North Dakota. As Deputy Secretary White notes, California has more defense jobs than any other state in the country.

It is important to point out that the recommendations of the 1995 Commission are the first to result both in greater savings and fewer direct jobs lost than the DOD recommendations.

The decision to close any military base is a painful one. The Commission was created because Congress could not endure that pain. We arrived at our recommendations openly and fairly and we stand by them. They represent a prudent and necessary reduction in the excess infrastructure of the Defense Department.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. Dixon".

Alan J. Dixon
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DIXON SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS BASE CLOSURE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 11, 1995 -- Alan J. Dixon, Chairman of the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, today submitted his resignation to President Clinton. (Copy attached.)

Friday, The House of Representatives defeated by a 343-75 margin a resolution of disapproval of the Commission's recommendations for 79 base closures and 26 realignments, effectively giving the recommendations the force of law.

Dixon, who served as a U.S. Senator from Illinois from 1981-1993, continues his work as a partner in the St. Louis-based law firm of Bryan Cave.

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September 11, 1995

The President
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Dear Mr. President:

I hereby resign as Chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission effective immediately.

Although closing bases today is essential to the future readiness and modernization of our military forces, deciding which military bases to close is a very painful process. I am proud of the way that the Commission carried out its responsibilities, and I believe that our recommendations are in the best interests of the Department of Defense.

Mr. President, I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve the country again as Chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dixon
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REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE ALAN J. DIXON

Chairman, Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Before the US Conference of Mayors

San Diego, California

December 9, 1994

Remarks of Alan J. Dixon, Chairman, Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Before the US Conference of Mayors, San Diego, December 9, 1994

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN SAN DIEGO AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT AN ISSUE -- THE CLOSING AND REALIGNING OF MILITARY BASES -- THAT CAN HAVE SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE BASES.

WHAT I INTEND TO DO HERE TODAY IS TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS, INCLUDING A BIT OF HISTORY; SOME KEY DATES THAT ARE UPCOMING; AND MY THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION WILL PROCEED WITH ITS WORK FROM NOW UNTIL WE GIVE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON JULY 1.

LET ME SAY TO THOSE OF YOU IN THIS ROOM WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE PAIN OF A BASE CLOSURE: I FELT THAT PAIN IN 1988, WHEN THE FIRST BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION DECIDED TO CLOSE TWO BASES IN MY STATE OF ILLINOIS.

NOW, ILLINOIS IS NOT AS FORTUNATE AS SOME OTHER STATES IN ITS DEFENSE INFRASTRUCTURE. WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO BEGIN WITH, AND SO WHEN BOTH CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE IN RANTOUL AND FORT SHERIDAN IN NORTH SUBURBAN CHICAGO WERE IDENTIFIED FOR CLOSING, I DID MY SHARE OF COMPLAINING.

THAT 1988 ROUND WAS A VERY FRUSTRATING TIME FOR ME AND FOR MANY OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FRANK CARLUCCI WAS A FINE PUBLIC SERVANT, AND HE WORKED WITHIN THE GUIDELINES HE WAS GIVEN AT THE TIME. NONETHELESS, THE PROCESS THAT WAS USED IN 1988 WAS, TO BE CANDID, A VERY CLOSED ONE. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUT HOW THE COMMISSION HAD ARRIVED AT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SUPPORTING DATA WERE ALL STAMPED "SECRET," AND THE VOTES WERE ALL TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION.

WHEN IT WAS OVER, I RESOLVED THAT I WANTED TO FIND A WAY TO DO THIS IN A MORE FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER, AND TO BE ASSURED THAT EVERYTHING WAS DONE IN A PUBLIC WAY, OPEN TO THE MEDIA.

SENATOR SAM NUNN AND I, AND OTHERS, SET ABOUT DEVISING A PROCESS THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS, AND, AS A RESULT, IN 1990 CONGRESS PASSED THE "DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT ACT," WHICH CREATED THE COMMISSION I NOW CHAIR AND THE PROCESS UNDER WHICH IT OPERATES.

I BELIEVE THAT THE LAW WE PASSED HAS IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY ON HOW BASES WERE CLOSED IN THE PAST. I WILL TOUCH LATER UPON A COUPLE OF AREAS WHERE I THINK IMPROVEMENT IS STILL NEEDED, BUT, IN GENERAL, I BELIEVE WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY TOWARD ARRIVING AT A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL WAY TO CLOSE MILITARY BASES IN OUR COUNTRY. A GREAT DEAL OF THE CREDIT FOR THIS, BY THE WAY, GOES TO MY FRIEND JIM COURTER, WHO CHAIRED THE 1991 AND 1993 COMMISSIONS SO ABLY.

WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE LAST OCTOBER FOR MY CONFIRMATION HEARING, MY FRIEND SENATOR STROM THURMOND OF SOUTH CAROLINA -- THE INCOMING CHAIRMAN OF THAT COMMITTEE -- SAID HE HAD ONE QUESTION FOR ME. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF I HAD "LOST MY MARBLES" FOR BEING WILLING TO TAKE THE JOB OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION.

ANOTHER FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MINE, SENATOR BILL COHEN OF MAINE, SUGGESTED THAT MY POPULARITY WOULD "SKYROCKET" BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH WHEN THE LIST COMES OUT, AND GO INTO "PRECIPITOUS DECLINE" THEREAFTER.

WELL, I FEAR THAT BILL COHEN IS PROBABLY RIGHT ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S POPULARITY AFTER MARCH. BUT I TOLD STROM THURMOND -- AND I WILL TELL YOU -- THAT IT WASN'T A SIGN OF INSANITY THAT I TOOK THIS JOB WHEN THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME .

I RECOGNIZE, AS DO ALL OF YOU, AND EVERYONE ON CAPITOL HILL, AND EVERYONE AT THE PENTAGON, THAT, UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, THIS WILL BE THE FINAL LOOK AT OUR INVENTORY OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. UNDER THAT LAW, OUR COMMISSION GOES OUT OF BUSINESS NEXT DECEMBER.

NOW, LET ME ADD SOMETHING IMPORTANT: IT IS MY INTENTION THAT THE 1995 COMMISSION MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS ABOUT WHEN AND HOW TO REVISIT THE BASE CLOSING ISSUE IN THE FUTURE. NONETHELESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DECISIONS WE MAKE THIS YEAR WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR NATION'S SECURITY, AND ITS BUDGET, FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS FROM THE BEGINNING, I AM PROUD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP STEER THIS PHASE TO A PRUDENT CONCLUSION AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ITS FUTURE COURSE.

HERE ARE SOME FACTS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER REGARDING DEFENSE SPENDING. IF THE CURRENT PLANS OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ARE IMPLEMENTED, BY FISCAL YEAR 1999 THE DEFENSE BUDGET WILL DECLINE BY ABOUT 40 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS FROM THE MID-1980'S. FURTHER, THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY SERVICES WILL DROP BY ALMOST 30 PER CENT FROM THE 1990 LEVELS.

DOMESTIC BASE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 15 PER CENT IN THE FIRST THREE ROUNDS OF BASE CLOSINGS. OVERALL, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS NOW CLOSING 70 MAJOR BASES AND REALIGNING 38 OTHERS, AND IMPLEMENTING MORE THAN 200 OTHER SMALLER CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS. ONCE THOSE CLOSURES ARE COMPLETED, THE ANNUAL SAVINGS TO THE DEFENSE BUDGET WILL BE MORE THAN \$4 BILLION A YEAR.

BASE CLOSING, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE SIMPLY A BUDGET-CUTTING TACTIC. IT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE OUR DEFENSE INFRASTRUCTURE IN A DELIBERATE WAY THAT WILL IMPROVE OUR LONG-TERM MILITARY READINESS AND INSURE THAT WE ARE SPENDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS IN THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE. WE SHOULD NOT MAKE HASTY DECISIONS THAT WILL ELIMINATE IMPORTANT MILITARY ASSETS BASED ON OUR NEAR-TERM BUDGET IMPERATIVES. THAT IS HOW I VIEW THE CHARGE OF THIS COMMISSION.

OUR CHALLENGE IS TO DEVELOP A CLOSURE LIST THAT ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN READINESS, MODERNIZE OUR MILITARY AND PRESERVE THE FORCE LEVELS WE NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR SECURITY.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BRANCHES ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHAT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE.

HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL THE "EASY" DECISIONS -- AND NONE OF THEM WERE EASY, OF COURSE -- WERE MADE IN THE FIRST THREE ROUNDS. THE BASES THAT ARE STILL OPEN ARE FOR THE MOST PART EXCELLENT BASES, AND OUR DECISIONS THIS YEAR WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT AND VERY PAINFUL.

AND THAT IS WHY WE IN CONGRESS CREATED AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION -- TO CARRY OUT A PAINFUL TASK IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IN THE POLITICAL ARENA. MAYBE I HAVE LOST MY MARBLES, AFTER ALL.

BRIEFLY, HERE IS HOW THE PROCESS WORKS: IN JANUARY, THE PRESIDENT WILL SEND TO THE SENATE THE NAMES OF SEVEN OTHER PERSONS NOMINATED TO BE COMMISSIONERS, AND THEY WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THEIR NOMINATIONS WILL BE VOTED ON BY THE FULL SENATE.

ON MARCH 1, OUR COMMISSION WILL RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT LIST FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND THEN WE WILL BEGIN A 4-MONTH PERIOD OF EVALUATION, BASE VISITS AND REGIONAL HEARINGS THAT CAN BE DESCRIBED ONLY AS "INTENSE."

THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN VERY BROAD AUTHORITY UNDER THE LAW. IT CAN ADD TO THE PENTAGON'S LIST OR TAKE THINGS OFF. HISTORICALLY, THE COMMISSION HAS CHANGED ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN 1993, THE COMMISSION CONDUCTED 18 REGIONAL HEARINGS. EVERY MAJOR BASE ON THE LIST WAS VISITED BY AT LEAST ONE COMMISSIONER, AND THAT IS A POLICY I HAVE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE.

ALL OF OUR HEARINGS AND MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN THE OPEN. ALL THE DATA AND PAPERWORK WE RECEIVE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION. ALL OF OUR VOTES ON CLOSING AND REALIGNING BASES ARE DONE IN THE OPEN.

FINALLY, ON JULY 1, WE WILL SEND OUR FINAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS TWO OPTIONS: HE CAN ACCEPT IT AND SEND IT ON TO CONGRESS -- AS HE DID IN BOTH 1991 AND 1993 -- OR HE CAN SEND IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION, WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 15 TO RE-WORK IT.

THE PRESIDENT COULD ALSO REJECT THE REVISED VERSION, AND IF HE DID SO, THE 1995 PROCESS WOULD END.

BUT IF HE SENDS THE REPORT TO CAPITOL HILL, THEN CONGRESS HAS ONLY TWO OPTIONS: ACCEPT THE LIST IN FULL, OR REJECT IT BY PASSING A RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL, WHICH COULD BE VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT. WE WROTE THE LAW THAT WAY TO MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR CONGRESS TO OVERRULE THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION.

THAT IS THE TIMETABLE. BUT ON WHAT BASIS, YOU MIGHT BE ASKING, DO YOU DECIDE WHICH BASES TO CLOSE?

WELL, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS DEVELOPED, UNDER AUTHORITY GIVEN BY CONGRESS, A SET OF EIGHT CRITERIA THAT ARE USED TO EVALUATE THE BASES.

PRIMARY AMONG THESE ARE FOUR CRITERIA WHICH CONSIDER THE MILITARY VALUE OF AN INSTALLATION. THE FIFTH CRITERION HAS TO DO WITH RETURN ON INVESTMENT -- HOW LONG BEFORE THE SAVINGS FROM A CLOSURE EXCEED THE COSTS.

THE FINAL THREE CRITERIA ADDRESS VARIOUS IMPACTS OF THE CLOSING: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; THE ABILITY OF THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE MILITARY MISSION; AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

WE ANALYZE MOUNTAINS OF DATA FROM THE PENTAGON AND WE APPLY THE ANALYSIS THROUGH THE PRISM OF THESE CRITERIA. AND THEN EIGHT MEN AND WOMEN, SELECTED TO BE INDEPENDENT OF INFLUENCE OF ANY KIND, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND CAST SOME VERY DIFFICULT, VERY IMPORTANT VOTES.

WITH THOSE VOTES, THE COMMISSION'S JOB IS COMPLETED. AND, AS I SAID, UNDER THE CURRENT LAW, WE GO OUT OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1995.

BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF AREAS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN UNDER THE COMMISSION'S PURVIEW THAT I BELIEVE WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT BEFORE WE CLOSE OUR DOORS. THEY BOTH FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF "POST-CLOSURE" ACTIVITIES.

THEY ARE, FIRST: DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF INSURING THE BASES MARKED FOR CLOSURE ARE CLOSED IN A TIMELY FASHION AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE CHALLENGE OF REPLACING THE BASE IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY; AND, SECOND, PREPARING A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS -- BASED ON ALL WE HAVE LEARNED SINCE 1988 -- ON HOW TO HANDLE BASE CLOSURES IN THE FUTURE.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN THOSE TWO AREAS WILL, I BELIEVE, COMPLETE THE LEGACY LEFT BY A COMMISSION THAT, WORKING UNDER GREAT TIME CONSTRAINTS AND POLITICAL PRESSURE, HAS THUS FAR PRODUCED A FAIR AND PRUDENT REDUCTION OF OUR DOMESTIC MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE.

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TO: BASE CLOSURE MEDIA LIST

FR: WADE NELSON, Communications Director

RE: DIXON SPEECH

Here is a copy of a speech given by Alan J. Dixon, chairman of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on Friday, December 9 in San Diego before a US Conference of Mayors conference on base closure.

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