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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: 8/4/2005

TIME: 1300-1400

MEETING WITH: Army Research Office Representatives

SUBJECT: Discuss Recommendation 178- Co-locate Extramural Research Program Managers (Tech-5)-Arguments as to why the facility should stay in North Carolina.

PARTICIPANTS:

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MEETING SUMMARY:

Community officials reiterated and expanded on the briefing presented before the Commission at the Charlotte Regional Hearing. A copy of the briefing book is attached. As well as answers to questions raised by the BRAC staff. The officials discussed the following:

- 1. Officials explained the proximity to research and intellectual properties available within the Research Triangle Park (RTP) and the access to three major research universities (Duke, NC State and UNC-Chapel Hill) was part of the rationale for locating the Army Research Office (ARO) facility in Durham, NC many years ago. Officials argued existing synergy and coordination between ARO researchers and the universities and commercial organizations (in the RTP) surpasses the synergy gained by collocation with other service organizations.**
- 2. Furthermore, officials stated that the ARO (Durham) has limited contact with the other facilities involved in the recommendation.**

- 3. The state recommends the BRAC Commission leave ARO in the RTP and relocate and expand ARO-W to achieve the interagency synergy. Their rationale is as follows: 1) federally owned land is available only two miles away that would meet the “stand-off” requirements and keep the existing synergy in place; 2) cost savings are not contingent on moving ARO (recommended a cobra cost analysis showing ARO as a single entity); and 3) ARO-(W) was launched (after previous BRAC rounds) to make interagency coordination more viable.**
- 4. North Carolina would like the Army to benefit from Tobacco settlement funds which could reduce upfront costs for potential relocation/rent support if ARO needs to move to federal land.**

The BRAC staff raised the following questions:

- 1. What are the staffing levels of the ARO-RTP and ARO-Washington (ARO-W)?**
- 2. What is the breakdown of ARO Professional Staff with respect to Tenure?**
- 3. How many active associations are there currently with Research Triangle area universities?**
- 4. How many formal professional staff associations are there currently with universities outside the RTP area?**
- 5. Where is ARO-W located?**

* Denotes individual responsible for completing the memorandum

[Question 1.] What are the staffing levels of the ARO-RTP and ARO-Washington (ARO-W)?

- Total number of employees at ARO (RTP location only) to include contractors. 145
 - Total number of employees at ARO (non-RTP location only) to include contractors. 11
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- TOTAL, both locations 156

[Question 2.] What is the breakdown of ARO Professional Staff with respect to tenure?

	Science Staff	Total Professional Staff
Number	42	79
Average Years of Service	18	15
Min (years)	<1	<1
Max.(years)	36	35

[Question 3.] How many active formal professional staff associations (e.g. staff research, adjunct professorships) are there currently with Research Triangle area universities?

Duke (Durham)	9
NC A&T (Durham)	1
NC State University (Raleigh)	12
University of NC at Chapel Hill	4
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TOTAL	26

[Question 4.] How many formal professional staff associations are there currently with universities outside of the RTP area?

One, with Georgetown (Washington, DC).

[Question 5.] Where is ARO-W located?

Arlington (Ballston), VA (liaison office w/OSR's, NSF, DARPA, etc.) and Ft. Belvoir (liaison office with Army MACOMS).