

**BASE VISIT REPORT**

**NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA)**

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### **BASE'S PRESENT MISSION:**

NGA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and a member of the National Intelligence Community whose mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of our national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., NGA has major facilities in the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and St. Louis, Mo., areas with NGA support teams worldwide.

### **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:**

Close National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Dalecarlia and Sumner sites, Bethesda, MD; Reston 1, 2 and 3, leased installations in Reston, VA; Newington buildings 8510, 8520, and 8530, Newington, VA; and Building 213 a leased installation at the South East Federal Center, Washington, DC. Relocate all functions to a new facility at Fort Belvoir, VA. Realign the National Reconnaissance Office facility, Westfields, VA, by relocating all NGA functions to a new facility at the Fort Belvoir, VA. Consolidate all NGA National Geospatial-Intelligence College functions on Fort Belvoir into the new facility at Fort Belvoir, VA.

### **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:**

This recommendation is a strategic consolidation of the personnel, equipment and functions of NGA's 22 legacy organizations into a new geospatial intelligence consolidated campus. It consolidates multiple NGA National Capital Region-based intelligence community activities now occupying small, government facilities and privately-owned leased space, to a secure Department of Defense-owned location, reducing excess capacity and increasing overall military value. It optimizes mission efficiencies, improves readiness, and enhances mission partner coordination, while addressing Antiterrorism/Force Protection deficiencies. This recommendation accommodates current and surge requirements and is consistent with the 20-year Force Structure Plan.

### **MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:**

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Dalecarlia and Sumner sites, Bethesda, MD; Reston 1, 2 and 3, leased installations in Reston, VA; Newington buildings 8510, 8520, and 8530, Newington, VA; and Building 213 a leased installation at the South East Federal Center, Washington, DC. A new facility at Fort Belvoir, VA. The National Reconnaissance Office facility, Westfields, VA, NGA National Geospatial-Intelligence College, Fort Belvoir.

### **KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

Command had been planning consolidation for some time. They are faced with management and force protection challenge in consolidation.

The consolidation of the West branch (St. Louis and Arnold) is too expensive at present to bring east.

Move to Fort Belvoir allows us to build modern IT capable building to maximize IT capabilities and proper infrastructure including proper lighting.

Move to Fort Meade as suggested by Senator Mikulski was not considered of sound military value as it put the "eyes and ears" collocated.

### **INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED**

Increase force protection and mission assurance, e.g. the rail line behind the Arnold facility.

Reduce facility operation and maintenance costs

Enable integrated operations and improve interface with end users

Conclude integration of disparate legacy elements to enhance mission effectiveness

Provide an environment that attracts and retains high caliber people.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:**

Noted NGA was good neighbor. Concerned as to what happens to property and who would be new tenant..

Chairman noted that it is important that DoD and Community work together, e.g. Cameron Station in Alexandria was excellent example.

### **REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:**

None