

**MEMPHIS  
BRANCH****NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE***M. Smith*

June 2, 1995

The Honorable Dan Dixon  
Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and  
Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore St., Ste. 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Dixon:

The Memphis Branch NAACP is deeply disturbed about the Department of Defense recommendation that the Memphis Depot be closed as part of its base realignment and closure process. Of approximate 1,300 employees, over 76% are African American. Memphis is a city where the unemployment rate for Blacks is about twice that of white citizens. Even more damaging is the fact that most of these loyal African American workers would find it impossible to find work commensurate with that at the Memphis Depot.

Black Americans have been victimized by some lethal blows during our sojourn here. It seems that when hardship comes we are more than doubly affected. Many feel that such is intentional since our avenues of redress are so limited.

The Defense Depot At Memphis for several decades, has been a source of economic stability for some 1000 Blacks. In addition to the problems that its closure would cause for Black Americans, our political, religious, business, and other leaders, have given sound reasons why the Memphis Depot should remain open.

Please give all possible consideration to this request.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Maxine A. Smith  
Executive Secretary

MAS/es

Dear BRAC Commission Members,

I am writing to you concerning the possible decision to close Defense Depot Ogden (DDO), a DLA installation located in Ogden, Utah. Defense Depot Ogden, over the past several years has always been DLA's premier depot. A Model Installation top winner year after year, DDO is also the most efficient base in DLA. The Utah work ethic is known nationwide. Many private firms locate to Utah because of its workers reputation. Utah workers are unique in their dedication to their jobs. DDO employees have always risen to any challenge given them, going far beyond what is expected of employees. Please do not lose sight of the pride and committment to excellence in each DDO employee when you are weighing their fate.

It is hard to understand a decision to close such an outstanding installation. Not only is DDO efficient, but it has been upgraded and modernized completely in the past few years. Old barracks type warehouses have been transformed into beautiful new efficient buildings. Several of these reconditioned buildings have become showcases to other federal installations on refurbishing techniques for the lowest cost possible. Engineers from various agencies have visited DDO to see for themselves the modern renovated buildings. New buildings and stately, gracious old ones mingle amongst its tree lined streets. This depot is not only efficient, effective, and committed, it is also beautiful. Please keep this in mind when you decide its fate.

DDO is centrally located as a transportation hub. Major railroad lines run through the center of the depot. This makes it easy to load rail cars on site for the fastest response time of any depot. Hill Air Force Base is located only 10 miles away by interstate highway. Items needing immediate delivery can be airlifted in a matter of hours. For non emergency items, the Salt Lake City Airport is located only 30 miles away on an uncrowded interstate highway. This transportation network makes DDO a very valuable asset. Please keep this in mind when you decide the fate of 1200 valuable, dedicated, hardworking employees on DLA's premier depot, Defense Depot Ogden.

Thank you for your consideration,



Anne M. Olsen  
5575 S 1000 E  
Ogden, Utah 84405

Memphis  
5-11

549 White Oak  
Southaven Ms. 38671  
18 April 1995

Defense Base Closure & Realignment Comm.,  
1700 North Moore Street Suite 1425  
Arlington Va. 22209

Gentlemen:

As a Federal employee at the Memphis Depot I feel the advantages of keeping this facility open far outweigh those of closure.

If I may name a few, they are; One of the largest Supply Depots in D.O.D. - Provides Logistical Support for All Military Services - Handles Various Commodities - Modernized Complexes - Facilities in Outstanding Condition - Strategic Central Location - Outstanding Performance during Operation Desert Shield - Above average Truck & Rail Traffic during Peacetime and Mobilization.

These qualities should be vital and are sufficient by all standards to warrant no closure.

Sincerely

Charles W. Hallogher

APRIL 4, 1995

To Mr Dixon,

Memphis TN

I am an employer at the Defense Depot. I have been here twelve years. I am also an Viet Nam Vet. I am 50 years old, it will be hard to find a job at my age that will take care of me and my family. Here at The Depot since I have been here, we have serviced quiet a few missions that was in serious need to be serviced, and we did a very good job. Desert Storm / Desert Shield for one. and times of disasters in weather situations, we have served proudly. Speaking of the economy, I will make things worst + also crime will rise, we need our jobs please help us.

Thank you

Mr. Clarence Thompson

4-20-95

Dear Mr Dixon

My Name is Clem Gene Hill, I am a 42 year  
old African American, I am an Employee at the  
Defense Depot in Memphis. I am also a Viet Nam  
Era Veteran. When I got out the military in  
1974, I was hired here at the Depot. At this  
Depot we have supplied plenty of missiles, even  
Emergency missions. There have been times when  
we worked seven days a week to supply our  
Soldiers in the military. When disaster times  
such as Hurricanes, Tornados, floods, fires, etc.  
hit other cities were here to supply them.  
So close this Depot will hurt the economy  
here in Memphis. We have families that depends  
on us to take care of them. I also am a  
single parent with a 17 year old daughter,  
the only source of income she has. This depot  
here in Memphis should survive and be here  
to help as we have in the past. Please  
reconsider the closing  
Thank You  
Clem Hill

To. SENATOR ALLAN DIXON  
DEAR SIR

WE THE EMPLOYEES OF DDMT.  
WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
POSITIVE EVALUATION CONCERNING  
THE CLOSURE OF OUR DEPOT.  
THE CLOSURE OF OUR DEPOT  
WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT  
ON OUR STATE AND COUNTRY AND  
LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS JOB MEANS  
QUITE A BIT TO ME AND MY FAMILY.

DDMT EMPLOYEE  
ALFA L MORRIS

Rhonda G. Hollingsworth  
P.O. Box 161405  
Memphis, TN 38186-1405

19 Apr 95

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Senator Dixon:

I would implore you to make every effort and to use every resource available to you to stop the closure of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis which has been recommended by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). I am sure that I need not tell you the impact the closure would have on the Memphis economy and not to mention on employees. My husband and I are both employed at the Defense Depot Memphis. You can imagine the impact on our family for both of us to be unemployed at the same time. It is a serious offense to lose one's livelihood. I have become accustomed to making a decent salary. There are not many places in Memphis that I can have equivalent salary and benefits as I do now. Memphis is centrally located and is more conducive for shipping in and out of the local area. DDMT was instrumental in providing food and clothing during Desert Storm/Shield, Gulf War, Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), U.S. Disaster Mission, Humanitarian Assistance Program and El Salvador. Has all this been forgotten?

I do not understand why we are being closed when we have not long become a mechanized depot. Has the taxpayer's money that went into updating the Memphis depot been wasted? Since the government is trying to save money by closing and downsizing bases, money that has already been put into updating depots should not be wasted. The Government has a Fraud and Waste Hotline. Has the government considered reporting themselves to this hotline, since I know of no company, business or organization that wastes more money than the government? Billions of dollars could be saved if the government would only check themselves. Why are the working class being punished (losing our jobs) because the government cannot budget? Millions of people live on fixed incomes and make it everyday. You learn to live within your means of financial support. The government needs to learn to live within its means of financial support and quit cutting jobs every time they spend too much money on something that is not needed (private plane rides paid for by taxpayers, limousine service paid for by taxpayers, ridiculous salary increases for themselves paid for by taxpayers, meals paid for by taxpayers, vacations paid for by taxpayers, clothing allowances paid for by taxpayers, etc.) I'm sure that if you calculated all these perks and eliminated them, we could keep our jobs.

Sincerely,

  
Rhonda G. Hollingsworth

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I WOULD LIKE FOR THE COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS TN. IN THE PAST THE DEPOT HAS PROVEN ITSELF AS AN ASSET TO THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SYSTEM. LOOK AT THE BASIC FACTS. THE DEPOT CAN SERVICE ANY MISSION ASSIGNED. IT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE U.S., AND IT HAS MORE MEANS OF TRANSPORTING GOODS WITH EASIER ACCESS TO THESE MEANS THAN ANY OTHER DEPOT. IF THE DEPOT CLOSURE THE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WILL BE QUITE SEVERE. LASTLY SIR, IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE POLITICS OF THE WHOLE SITUATION, EYES WOULD BE ALOT CLEARER TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS.

Thank you.

A CONCERNED EMPLOYEE

To whom it might concern

I think we need to keep the  
Memphis depot open.

In war, time and peace time, we  
can load trucks and send them  
three miles to the Air National Guard  
to be loaded on to a (C-5A) cargo plane,  
with in two days to be shipped around  
the world.

April 18, 1995

Dear Chairman Dixon

The Closure of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis will be a great impact on my family and me also the economy of the Memphis area as a whole. It has been proven time and again during world catastrophes the volunteer state here at Defense Depot Memphis has met its mission in supporting its country, I am asking for your assistance in noticing the good job we've done for 53 years here in Memphis.

Sincerely,

Fred L. Hamlett

Chairman Dixon

The on going programs designed to tailor our military resources to our post-Cold War needs, are ridiculous, a detriment to the total American Community. "God Help us"

Rudy Williams  
1275 Royal Oaks Dr  
Memph, TN 38116

4-19-95

Attn: Chairman Dixon

I am writing this letter concerning my job as a Defense Depot Memphis Employee and a home owner and tax paying Employee.

The Defense Depot Memphis, is Very supported in DLA Missions. around the worlds and in the United states. In moving and getting good material to the Customer on time.

The Defense Depot Memphis is central Location have asset to move material by trucks Airplanes, ships much faster.

Thank you

Very Much

Chairman Dixon

From DDMT Employee.

4-19-95

To: Whom it May Concern,  
I think the Defense Depot Memphis  
is one of the Finest installations  
that I have served on. Considering  
its Location and Shipping capabilities  
and the quality of service that we  
provide our customers World wide.  
I feel that it would be in the  
best interest of the government,  
Military and the Civilian population  
to keep this insalation open and  
operating.

Sincerely yours,  
Clare Lehman Jr

Andrew Miller  
3030 Caffey St  
Hennaroo, MS 38632  
19 APR 95

DEAR Chairman DIXON

I am a 43 year old black male, who have been employed with the Defense Depot Memphis for 24 years. During that time I have ~~been~~ serviced with all that I had, in order to get the supplies to the soldier in a timely manner. I pray that you will look at each Depot in a fair manner and make the right choice based upon needs and not purely political just the facts.

Thanks for Your Time  
Andrew Miller

28 Apr 95

Dear Chairman Nixon,

On behalf of the employees at the Defense Depot Memphis, I wish to express my thanks to you for your support.

My name is Shirley McKinney, and I have fourteen years of federal service and I'm proud to serve the needs of others and dedicated to my endeavors.

Since I've become a part of the Defense Depot Memphis family, I've seen that we have a lot of dedicated people who are proud to serve the needs of our fellow Americans and others in wartime and in peacetime.

I had the opportunity of going to Miami, Florida after the devastation of "Andrew" <sup>Hurricane</sup>. I was fortunately blessed to go TDY. It was my first one but it was an experience that I will always remember. I said that to say there are a lot of people, not only proud to serve, but awaiting the chance for humanitarian service. We are #1 in Wartime and Peacetime.

Again my thanks to you and your staff. On behalf of the Defense Depot workers at Memphis we would most graciously welcome you to visit our facilities and judge for yourself.

Sincerely yours,  
Shirley McKinney

17 April 1995  
2410 Lamar Circle  
Memphis, TN 38114

Dear Chairman Alan Dixon,

I am writing to you to ask you to take DDMT- Memphis off the BRAC list. I have worked here for fourteen years and at my age (50) there isn't hardly any place for me to go.

We have supported quite a few missions and I think we have been successful.

I am married with a daughter in school.

I need this job to help get her through school. I could go on and, but I know you are very busy. I will appreciate every-thing you can do to keep this depot open. Thank you.

Phillip Ballard

4/20/95

ATTN: Senator Dixon,

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U.S. Disaster Mission, Humanitarian  
Assistance Program and El Salvador.

Has all this been forgotten?  
Your efforts in reversing this decision  
to close DSMT will be closely  
monitored by your constituents.

Sincerely,  
Johnny Cannon

Senator;

I am writing in regard to Brac's recommendation to close Memphis Defense Depot. This Depot has provided jobs for our community and families. It also supported many missions of supplies, food, clothes, ETC. to our troops in Desert Storm, hurricane victims in Florida. (ETC). It would be a big loss of incomes for home owners (old & new). Also to the families who supports, and provide an high school & college education for their children and most important of all health care. I am a Viet Nam Veteran who knows the impact of how this closure of Memphis Defense Depot will be to all of us. Sir, Please help overturn Brac's decision & save Memphis Defense Depot from closing.

Thank you Sincerely,  
James T. Alldridge

APRIL 17, 1998

Attn: Senator Allan Dixon  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Senator Allan Dixon:

This task of writing this letter is not easy nor is it a letter to express some heartfelt joy between us because I don't know you personally and neither do you know me. I would like to ask you about your job as a member of the BRAC team and have you really thought about the impact on people's lives that the decision you bring <sup>will</sup> affect so many workers and their families? Well, as you probably have gathered by now, I am an employee at the Defense Distribution Depot, located in Memphis, Tenn. Therefore, I am urged to write and inform you that I have been a dedicated and supportive worker at Defense Distribution Depot Memphis for some 15 years. I started in 1977 as a summer student hire and worked for three summers while attending Mississippi State University. I left school in 1980, found a job at Internal Revenue Service and later in the same year transferred to Defense Depot Memphis full time. Over the years here, I worked as a Clerk Typist, Data Transcriber, Supply Clerk, and now as a Wage Grade - Packer. I am proud of this

April 18, 1994

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm writing to ask that you reconsider the issue to close DDMT.

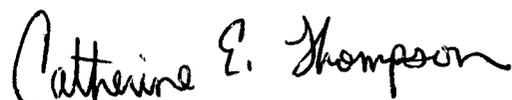
Several issues I believe that should be considered to keep DDMT open are as follow: DDMT has supported the soldiers during Operation Restore Hope, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Operation Bright Star. DDMT has also provided humanitarian support in natural disasters in the United States. DDMT was designated as the primary consolidation point for medical shipments to El Salvador, for the Agency International Development, United States Aid to El Salvador. DDMT have available during War and peace time an exceptional transportation asset.

I'm asking that the Commission closely examine why our region office (DDRE) that's one of our competitors are making decisions about our livelihood at DDMT.

The decision made to close DDMT would have a very devastating impact on my life. I am a black female single parent. I have total responsibilities for my family to include mortgage payments, food expense and medical expenses.

Mr. Chairman, I understand that DLA must downsize, however, based on key military value alone DDMT has been a vital contributor in supplying our fighting forces in times of war and peace. The vital available transportation assets that DDMT have to offer during war and peace cannot not be matched. Based on all of the stated facts in this letter, there is a need to take a closer look at the recommendation to close DDMT.

Sincerely,



Catherine E. Thompson

CHAIRMAN ALAN DIXON  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 NORTH MOORE STREET SUITE 1425  
ARLINGTON, VA. 22209  
703-696-0504

To whom it may concern.

The information that I have been hearing has not set to good for me and my family, I have to maintain a good relation with my fellow coworkers and my family. I need the depot to hold its ground and stay open for the good of the Memphis area, I have been saving for my 3 boys to go the by saving's saving's Bonds for the last 9 years and hoping that they did not have to work and go to school at the same time when they get out of high school. I know that all of you are trying your best to keep us open and we all thank you.

William J. Moore  
4/18/95

Ray R. Miller  
6605 Forest Gate  
Horn Lake, MS 38637  
April 18, 1995

To: BRAC Commission  
From: Mr. Dixon

My career with the DIA started in March 1977 and it is now April 1995, 18 years later. I started as a Clerk Typist, GS-02 and I am now a Distribution Qualifying Specialist, GS-09. I have worked long and hard at the Defense Distribution Report Memphis, TN, supporting worldwide, the men and women of our Armed Forces, and I am very proud of our performance at this installation. The Memphis Defense Report has never had a major failure, mainly due to the work force of men in Memphis.

I am an Air Force wife of 15 years. My husband, John M. Miller, is a Staff Sergeant stationed at the Tamm Air National Guard in Memphis, since May 1979. We have two young sons, Nick is 12 and Mike is 9. In February 1993 my husband fell from the top of the C141 cargo plane, he was working on, to the concrete, 20 ft. below. The medical is a cracked neck, hand and wrist, a cracked right ankle and heel, and a cracked left heel.

In other words, my husband is crippled for life. He has metal plates, screws and pins holding his wrist and hand together, and a metal plate and five screws holding his right heel together. He has trouble in using a fork, standing, or walking. He has limited use of his right hand, wrist and foot. He will be forced to retire from the Air Force this month, April 1995. This means his retirement pay will only be 50% of his regular base pay. Our future looks very bleak.

My elderly parents are an additional concern. My mother is handicapped and confined to a wheelchair. My father had major heart surgery in August 1992 and is in poor health. I could not move to another position and leave them behind. I am responsible.

In a time when most are preparing and looking forward to their retirement, we will possibly be forced to start all over again. With my husband's medical conditions, the financial support of my family falls squarely on my shoulders. The closure of the Memphis Depot will severely impact my ability to continue to support my family.

I sincerely urge this Commission to reconsider closure of the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN. All it would take would be one earthquake and one snowpice storm to bring support to our Armed Forces to a grinding halt. I believe we will have to many eggs in to few baskets, and this thought frightens me. This world is constantly changing and in constant turmoil and I hope we are not caught unprepared.

I and my fellow employees are truly proud and fiercely dedicated to the Memphis Depot, and its supporting role in our countrys defense.

Thank you,

Joy R. Miller

April 19, 1995

Dear Chairman Dixon,

My name is Jacqueline Mason, I have been employed by the Defense Depot Mphs since 8/86. I am proud to be part of the defense team to serve my country. I am a single parent and I am partial handicapp (amputee). I just purchased a home for me and my two sons 1/95 because I thought my job was secured, two weeks later I hear we are targeted for closure. Please Chairman Dixon don't let my dreams come tumbling down, save my job, don't let ~~our~~ our country be lacking in beeing served. If I lose my job, I would lose my house, I could not send my sons through collage, I could not get work anywhere else because of my handicapp, or the job would be limited. Please save my job, and may God Bless you and yours.

Thank You

Jacqueline Mason  
Defense Depot Mphs  
WA-05 Packer

BRAC Commissioners,

I'm writing this letter because my job is being threatened at this location.

From the cost of "doing business", I can't understand why we are recommended for closure.

Example: When figuring the cost of a facility project using Cost Means data, this area of the country is \$87. per hundred, and Pennsylvania is \$111. per hundred.

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Guy Powell  
Guy L Powell  
WG 10 Electrician

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*Dear Chairman Dixon,*

I work at DDMT and would like to continue working at DDMT for more years. The depot have done a lot for the people in Memphis, and I feel that the depot has the best way of getting supplies out. *The depot has an Airport, truck lines, instate highways, and has the river right, so the depot can get supplies out.*

I have a son that is mentally retarded and is going to special school. So if the depot is closed I would have to move and where I move may not have the school my son need.

*Danny B. Butler*  
Danny B. Butler

1305 Wolf Ridge Dr.  
Collierville, TN. 38017

4026 Stillwood Dr.  
Memphis, In. 38128  
April 17, 1995

Chairman Alan Dixon  
Defense BRAC Commission  
1700 M. Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA. 22209

Dear Commissioner Dixon:

I am an employee of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis (DDMT). The recommendation/decision to close DDMT would seriously impact the quality of life for my family. I am the sole support of a family of five. I have been totally committed to DDMT for 19 yrs. I have dreamed of retiring from DDMT, but seems as though my dream may never become a reality. I am very thankful to be employed at DDMT who has provided me with employment that eliminated me from being a recipient of food stamps, welfare & other aid provided by the Government, and would like to remain a self-supporter.

DDMT has been there to assist our armed forces in any time of war & other humanitarian catastrophes such as Operation Restore Hope, Just Cause, Desert Shield & Storm,

aid to, to L Salvador, and others. The closure of DDMT would take approximately \$250 million from the Memphis economy; it would also impact on the employment of other when business to major truck lines would decrease, parcel services, contractors and others. The unemployment rate would greatly increase and would cause some of the unemployed to seek Government assistance to survive.

The Defense Distribution Depot Memphis is centrally located, and has easy access to rail, trucks, air & water. One of our largest hubs (Fed-X) is also located close to the facility. The decision to close Memphis Depot is one should be looked at seriously and in-depth. We have been there for the forces and other, therefore, we need you now. Suggest you review the data and other pertinent info and without a doubt your recommendation to close Memphis will be changed. This is our Desert Storm, support us as we have you.

Sincerely,  
Guendolyne Dalloway

Chairman Alan Dixon  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Chairman Alan Dixon

Am Steven B. Sails am a Permanent Part time  
WG-4 Packer at the Defense Depot Memphis. As you  
already know Defense Distribution Depot Memphis  
(DDMT) has been recommended for closure by the  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC).  
I think the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis should  
remain open for our consistency, for our good  
work, location, military mission, almost every military  
conflict we've been involved, Desert Shield, Desert Storm,  
Somalia we've always been there. This is my lovely  
hood I have a family a Wife and two children, ages  
15, and 12 their future depends on me help save  
my job.

Sincerely  
Steven B. Sails

To the BRAC Commission

This letter concerns my place of employment here at Defence Depot Memphis. My job here is very important to me my family and many others employed here and their families. There are many Viet Nam veterans that work here that have served their country in the past and still here to serve. We fought for the rights of others to live a better life without question. Now we are faced with another fight one for my own survival. If there is any thing that could be done to save my hopes for the American Dream

18 April, 1995  
3084 Clubview Cove South  
Bartlett, TN. 38133  
TELEPHONE: (901) 388-4856

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN ALLEN DIXON

Dear Mr. Chairman,  
as a current employee (Electrician WG-10),  
of D.L.A. DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,  
and Electrical (PRIVATE) Contractor, I am asking you  
and the BRAC Commission to review and reconsider  
plans to close D.D.M.T.

I have other employment options and own my  
Electrical Repair service. Therefore, I personally, have  
no future employment problems. But, most others at  
D.D.M.T. will. Please consider that, as well as the  
logistic advantages, for our military, that D.D.M.T.  
has.

I, personally, believe in a strong military and a  
strong support (via supplies) for them. Therefore, I  
recommend Realigning D.D.M.T. as D.D.R.C. (DEFENSE  
DEPOT REGION-CENTRAL, and having three regions  
in lieu of two.

also, consider closure of more air Force facilities,  
and bring-in NO MANDATORY LAY-OFFS when a facility  
does close. Retrain and transfer employees to other GOV. MT.  
position around the world. If any employee refuses, then  
consider that a voluntary resignation.

I thank you, and I'll be watching you on T.V..

Respectfully yours,  
David D. Dye, CWO-2,  
U.S. AIR FORCE

TO The Chairman: mr. ALLAN Dixon

Subject: Remove DDMT from The Closure list

mr. Dixon it is very important that the memphis Depot Be Removed from the Closure and Realignment list, I'm just a worker in The work force, However I dont know all of the politicks operations, But please Consider most of the decision very Carefully in Selecting the memphis Depot.

Thanks  
Memphis Depot Worker  
Hugh ALLEN

Attn: Chairman Dixon

I am an employee here at the Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee.  
This employment is very important to myself and many other people.  
The loss of our jobs will be very hard to overcome.  
Please study your decision and try to find other ways to  
make Defense cuts.

Thanks  
A Very Dedicated Employee.

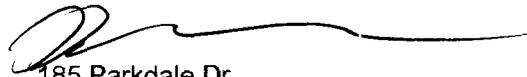
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*Dear Chairman Dixon,*

I am a DDMT employee, and a Viet Nam Veteran. I have a Son in college, so if DDMT is close it would have great impact on my family. But moreover, there are many people working here that are less fortunate than I am, and merchants in the greater Memphis area that it would have a greater impact on than my family. So, with this in mind, and many more like me. Please consider what is happening here.

Thank you.

Percy L. Shorter



185 Parkdale Dr.  
Memphis, Tennessee 38109-5417

Attn: Chairman Dixon

My Name is James A. Hull Jr  
I am a sixteen year Employee of the  
Defense Depot Memphis I have a wife and  
Four kids Two who are in collage this Job  
is there as well my livelihood. I am concerned.

James A Hull Jr.

to whom it may concern

The closing of Defense Depot Memphis is a waste of money and strategy in my opinion because of its location and nationwide distribution center for civilian and military. It has the very little down-time getting material out. The rail, water, Road and air transportation are usable year round.

Garland D. Simpson

ATTN. Chairman Dixon,

D.B.C. & R. Commission

Please focus your attention to the details of the closure of The Memphis Depot. We stand on our record and performance.

We have known for two years what the brass at New Cumberland was trying to do. You can't tell me the numbers haven't been arranged the way they want.

I have been through 3 bids and one B.O.S. contract and this is the worse decision I have seen yet.

If you don't know this is a power play, then you haven't looked hard enough!

Don Landrum

5811 Port Howard  
Millington, TN,  
38053

Beac Commission:

I totally disagree with the decision to close the Defense Depot in Memphis. This Nation needs a strong defense and the Depot has always been <sup>there</sup> for the support of its missions.

I feel there is a political overtone to this decision - and hopefully somebody will come to there senses and realize it would be a huge mistake.

Thank You,  
Rick Parks 457.92.9946  
15 years Veteran Civil Service.  
Defense Depot Memphis, TN.

A Good Offense  
Is A Strong Defense.

DOUG MONAHAN  
4250 AUTUMN SUN  
MILLINGTON TN  
38053

MR. COMMISSION,

I BELIEVE THE CITY OF MEMPHIS AND  
OUR COUNTRY NEED THE DEPOT AT MEMPHIS  
WE HAVE A PROUD 50+ YEAR HISTORY OF  
HELPING SUPPORT OUR MILITARY + DISASTER  
RELIEF. OUR CENTRAL LOCATION AND  
ACCESS TO AIR, RAIL, WATER + HIWAY  
ALL SPELL "DEFENSE". PLEASE ASSIST  
US IN REMAINING OPEN.

YOUR IN HOPE

Doug Monahan

Dear Sirs:

In response to your closure process I believe that  
DDM Memphis should be restudied before closure.

Respectfully Yours  
David L. Bess

Dear COMMISSION

I am 58 year old employer of  
Memphis, Tenn with 12 years of service.  
I feel that being employed again will  
hurt at my age being hired at the job  
I've done for 35 years. So I hope for  
all the workers and myself you will  
reconsider the closing of the Memphis Depot.

Charles J. Maurina

5262 Bradley  
Memphis, TN 38109  
21 Apr 95

Defense Base Closure and Relocation Commission  
1702 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Chairman Allan Dixon:

I understand your mission is to reduce the size of employees on the Government payroll by closing depots throughout the country. However, I feel a few critical elements were not taken into consideration at the time of the evaluation.

Memphis Defense Depot has in excess of 26 building facilities, rail and Air Transportation, and large 'accessibility' (allowing our service members to complete their missions such as Desert Storm and Somali. In the humanitarian role, mass evictions were completed in a proficient manner for the Oklahoma bombing, Hurricane Hugo, and Operation Ke-Stan Hope.

It is my belief that downsizing the Memphis Defense Depot by realignment would be more cost effective and beneficial to the Government than to close this base.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Shirley A Chapman

Rosalie P. Giannino  
6008 Hickory Cove.  
Memphis, TN 38141  
20 Apr 95

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
ATTN: Chairman Alan Dixon  
1700 North Moore St. - Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Chairman Dixon:

The Defense Distribution Depot Memphis (DDMT) has been recommended for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). As a Government employee at DDMT and the sole provider for my elderly mother, the impact of my losing this job would devastate us. I have eighteen years of Government service and my situation makes it impossible for me to move.

I feel closing this depot would be a big mistake. The history of DDMT speaks for itself. We have supported missions for both our community and our country by providing food, clothing and medical supplies during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Haiti, Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), Gulf War, U.S. Disaster Mission, El Salvador and Humanitarian Assistance Program. Using transportation mode readily available with truck lines, rail, Fed Ex, air and the river all in our immediate vicinity supplies were shipped expeditiously. DDMT ensured that the men and women of the Armed Forces received the needed supplies on time.

I would appreciate your reviewing all the facts and data submitted to the BRAC Commission and request your efforts in reversing this decision.

Sincerely,  
Rosalie P. Giannino

Attn: Chairman Brown

My name is Mrs. Lucette Jackson I am a  
WG-05 Packer at the Defense Depot Memphis. I have  
been employed nine (9) years. My husband Mr. Charles  
L. Jackson also is employed at the Depot. He has  
served seven (7) years in active service and eight (8)  
years at the depot which is a total of fifteen (15) years  
of dedication and devotion. We have two (2) children  
ages thirteen (13) and ten (10). The closing of the Depot  
would be a great impact on our household. We have  
projected ourselves at the Depot to enhance our careers goals.  
The depot has provided us with a sense inialitude and  
a positive outlook on our lives as young adults who is ready,  
willing, and able to provide a pathway for our children.  
We pray daily together that the Defense Depot Memphis remains  
open. We take pride in our jobs. We would gratefully  
appreciate if you will take a closer look at the status  
of the depot. And its mission and purpose to provide quality  
and integrity to its fellow military services.

Sincerely Yours  
Mr + Mrs. Charles L Jackson's Family

Mona M Bell  
4199 Yale Rd  
Mpho Tenn  
38128

Dear Mr. Dixon,

I am writing in regards to the potential closing of the Defense Depot Mpho, Tn. I am so afraid because I am a single parent with two children to support, on my own. I got divorced in 1992 + had to file Bankruptcy to keep my home. I don't want to lose my job or my home. I been at the Depot 21 years + my dreams have always been to retire from here. Please help us. I don't know what else to do or say. "I am so afraid."

Sincerely

Mona M Bell

ATTN: Senator ALAN DIXON

I Elizabeth Sanders am writing concerning my job. I am very very proud to work for the DDMT Memphis. I served in the U.S. Air Force and is very proud to work for the Government. I am praying and hoping that you all please keep this Depot open. I truly love my job I am a dedicative employee. I would love to work for the Government another 20 years if that is possible. I am single and I would probably make it, but I am very concerned The other people who have Family to support please I am begging you all to keep this Depot open Please. I am closing out but please once again don't close us Down.

Elizabeth Sanders

April 17, 1945

To Chairman Nixon

I'm writing concerning the proposed closure of the Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee. I have 21 yrs of service at DDMT. I'm not old enough for retirement, the impact this action will have on me and my family will be devastating.

Your action in reversing this decision will be greatly appreciated because I really need my job. Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely  
Vernice B. Harris  
DDMT Employee

4-18-95

Dear Chairman Dixon,

My views of why the Depot should not close is this.

~~First~~ First reason is it is my job, and way of living in this city. Second it also supports many other families here. If this facility closes there will be many going without any means of support for their family. There have already been stated about its location and all of that. This Depot is as much a part of Memphis history as the blues. For many years it has contributed to this city, not only as a way of making a living for some, but it has helped students thru school. My main concern is for the welfare of the people. Many people will be affected in different ways other than financial. I am looking at the crime rate increasing, people getting sick behind this, because their source of income has ceased, there will also be homes lost. Families will be split. Men women and children will be hungry.

All these things has to be taken into consideration. As well as our service to the military. I'm looking for them to feel the crunch, from the closing of the Depot. But then to this Depot stores and ships hazardous chemicals. I think it would be wise to keep it open to deal with any thing that has maybe leaked off the premises, because we have people trained to ~~handle~~ handle these situations. May God touch the minds and hearts of those who have to make this final decision.

Thank You,  
Rev. L. J. Vann Jr.

The Memphis Defense Depot  
has been a big part of the defense  
of the United States for more than 40  
years. We supply our men and women  
anywhere in the world. In most cases, we  
can move material across the world within  
24 hours.

The United States needs  
Defense Depot Memphis

Thank you  
Eddie Meek

APRIL 18, 1995

HAROLD W. LEWIS  
4847 CHUMBLER DR.  
MEMPHIS, TN. 38128

GREETINGS MR. DIXON,

I AM WRITING TO YOU IN REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE DEFENSE DEPOT AT MEMPHIS, TN. I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED HERE FOR 11 YEARS AND I REALLY DO LOVE MY JOB. I AM CURRENTLY SUPPORTING MY WIFE (DISABLED) AND MY SON AND HIS WIFE WHOM ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD IN LATE MAY. I AM THE ONLY SUPPORT FOR MY ENTIRE FAMILY NOW AND IT IS A HEAVY BURDEN THAT I MUST BEAR. I ASK YOU FROM MY HEART TO PLEASE LET THE DEFENSE DEPOT HERE REMAIN OPEN. IF I SHOULD LOOSE THIS JOB, I DON'T HAVE A FUTURE THEN TO LOOK TOO. I AM A VIETNAM VETERAN, WOUNDED TWICE IN BATTLE AND I KNOW WHAT DEPRESSION IS LIKE. MY ENTIRE FUTURE IS HANGING ON WETHER OR NOT THIS DEPOT CLOSES. I DO FEEL LIKE THAT THIS IS A POLITICAL MOVE, AND NO ONE REALLY CARES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO US HERE. THERE ARE EVEN THOSE THAT WANT THIS DEPOT CLOSED, JUST SO THEY CAN GET AN UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK, FOOD STAMPS, ETC. AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO WORK FOR IT! THIS IS NOT MY STORY, I WANT TO WORK, LIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM, AND TO SERVE GOD, MANKIND, AND MY COUNTRY. PLEASE! HELP KEEP THIS DREAM ALIVE!

Harold W. Lewis  
Mechanical Maint Mechanic - Defense Depot Memphis

DEAR SIRs:

I WANT TO ASK you, The members of the BRAC Commission TO give Defense Depot Memphis SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO REMAIN OPEN.

I AM The sole support of a family of five. The loss of my JOB will Be impossible TO overcome without GREAT sacrifice from me AND my childrens.

All I ASK is TO please give us A fair CHANCE.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Mays

4-19-95

Mr. Dixon

I'd like to take this time to thank you for your services with the Base Closes - Base Team. You're all doing a fine job looking into saving money for the Defence Dept & the American people in general:

"But" you're forgetting about all of us people who work for the Defence Dept. We need our jobs!

Most of us are close to 50 yrs old we served in Vietnam, when the Defence Dept needed us too.

Now we need just a few more years to get our retirement checks & the U.S. Defence Dept wants to put us out. This is not the of American Way!"

"OR IS IT"

SAVE OUR JOBS & OUR COUNTRY!"

THANKS  
Wanda Wood  
858 Neshoba  
HORN LAKE MS 38637

"19 YRS WITH Civil Service!"

For some time, forces at work in New Cumberland have been pulling work away from Memphis in an effort to justify closing Memphis for having too little work while increasing the workload for a particular person's hometown. It seems not all the facts were taken into account during the B.R.A.C. process. Memphis has been outstanding and far ahead of other depots before being rated, and after. It also seems certain areas were not taken into consideration such as mechanized mowing equipment. Please relook at Memphis before shutting down a good operation.

17 April 1995  
3780 Voltaire Ave  
Memphis, TN 38128

Dear Sir,

This letter is to express to you my concern about the Base Closure of the Defense Depot Memphis.

My job is very valuable to my well being.

I am a single parent with the sole responsibility of taking care of my family. I depend very strongly on my salary from the Depot.

I am nearly 50 years old and to start over again in the workforce would not be impossible but very hard to do.

Please re-consider your recommendation on behalf of me and my co-workers at Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee.

Thank-You kindly,  
Gallie Jackson  
WG-691207  
DDMT-EB

Shelma Moore  
4315 Acadcrest Cr.  
Memphis, In. 38128

To Mr. Alan Dixon, Chairman

I am asking you for <sup>your</sup> support in help keeping the Defense Dept open. Because it is very difficult to have Health care, dental insurance, and Hospitalization "plus the fact," that education, shelter, food and clothing are essential for sustaining life is being taken away when a man's job is taken away.

This type of cut in our Defense Department can only lead to more crime, hunger, Anxiety and sometimes death.

I do not want to be a casualty of any of these situations. But before I lose everything I own the head of the family must do something.

So therefore I have concluded that there are too many people that is going to be hurt in many ways if this closure take place.

I think that if private enterprise and government should work together in creating jobs. Not taking them away. I hope you are one of our elected officials who do not play politics with people's ~~lives~~ lives.

I am ready to make other sacrifices as needed instead of closing the Dept. Remember! Crime is not a particular person.

Sign: Shelma Moore

Lennon E. Heur  
580 Parkdale Dr.  
Memphis, TN 38109

Dear Chairman: Allan Dixon,  
In reference to the BRAC of Memphis  
Defense Depot. I a veteran of two  
wars; Vietnam & Desert Storm; can't  
seem to get ahead. This will be  
my third job I have lost to cutbacks.  
When will it end. It's getting  
depressing when you work all your  
life and some person can control your  
future. I am not one to complain  
but I need a job.

Yours Truly,  
Lennon E. Heur

Patricia A. Davis  
1056 Loreet Ave  
Memphis, TN 38105

Dear Chairman Nixon,

I am a 16 years employee of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tennessee. As you are aware DDMT has been recommended for closure. The result of this closure will have an adverse impact on me and my family. My family finances are based on two incomes and the loss of my job will cause undue hardship, stress on me and my family. I impress upon you to consider this closure very carefully before making a final decision.

I am proud to have rendered 16 years of service to DDMT and the Department of Defense. During my tenure at DDMT we have proudly supported conflicts and disasters such as; Desert Storm, Operation Hope and Somalia. At DDMT we are proud to serve.

God's Blessings Upon You  
Patricia A. Davis

15 April 95  
Memphis, Tn 38109

Mr Alan Dixon;  
Chairman BCAR

Dear Mr Dixon Sir;

My name is Charles L. Ward, I am an employee of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis. I address you most respectfully because I want you to sense the sincerity of this letter. I have been a faithful, motivated, dedicated and above average employee of DDMT for the past 18 years. In spite of whatever Report you might received, I want you to know that there are some good employees at DDMT, who are very proud to be of service and provide support for all the Military Services with emphasis on the support commodities. Sir I am writing you this letter as a request asking you for your help and support to keep DDMT open. The closing of DDMT would create a serious problem for me and my family. Lost of job, lost of health insurance, and lost of peace of mind. I am 42 yrs old, which places me in that "not job" market category, also I am to young to Retire therefore all of us a DDMT need to keep our jobs. The process of relocating is not a fair process, and all of us will not get placed. Enclosed you will find copies of my last three performance appraisals so you can see a portion of my record. I would appreciate it very much if you would please help us.

Respectfully yours  
Charles L. Ward  
786 Pawnee  
Mphs. Tn 38109

PERFORMANCE RATING	NOTE: Read instructions on reverse before completing form.	PERIOD COVERED	
		FROM: 01 Apr 90	TO: 31 Mar 91
EMPLOYEE NAME (Last, First, MI) <b>WARD, CHARLES L.</b>	POSITION TITLE AND GRADE <b>Materials Examiner &amp; Identifier, WG-6912-07</b>	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>413-88-7438</b>	OFFICE SYMBOL <b>DGMT-TRIA</b>

SECTION I - CRITICAL JOB ELEMENTS AND ANNUAL RATING

RATING LEVEL	CRITICAL JOB ELEMENT
4	Inspects receipts from various procurement, customer returns and redistribution.
5	Use of various measuring devices such as calipers, micrometers, thread gages, etc.
5	Preparation of various control reports such as SF-364, DD-1918, DGMT-1807's, etc.
5	Safety.

TOTAL OF LEVELS	NUMBER OF CRITICAL ELEMENTS	RAW SCORE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPRAISING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
19	4	4.7	L.C. Smith, DGMT-TRIA		12/2/91
IF RAW SCORE IS:	SUMMARY RATING IS:	SUMMARY RATING	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF REVIEWING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
5.0 - 4.7	EXCEPTIONAL	✓	Jake Mangum, DGMT-TRI		2/12/91
4.6 - 3.8	HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL		TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	SIGNATURE	DATE
3.7 - 3.0	FULLY SUCCESSFUL		Frank A. Wheat, DGMT-TR		4/23/91
ANY ELEMENT RATED 2	MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE		SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE		DATE APPRAISAL DISCUSSED WITH EMPLOYEE
ANY ELEMENT RATED 1	UNACCEPTABLE		Charles L. Ward		26 Mar 91

PERFORMANCE RATING	NOTE: Read instructions on reverse before completing form.	PERIOD COVERED		DUE DATE
		FROM: 01 APR 92	TO: 31 MAR 93	
EMPLOYEE NAME (Last, First, MI) WARD, CHARLES L.	POSITION TITLE AND GRADE MATERIELS EXAMINER & IDENTIFIER, WG-07	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 413-88-7438	OFFICE SYMBOL DDMT-FMRIA	

SECTION I - CRITICAL JOB ELEMENTS AND ANNUAL RATING

RATING LEVEL	CRITICAL JOB ELEMENT
5	INSPECT, VERIFY, CLASSIFY AND IDENTIFY VARIOUS TYPES OF MATERIAL RECEIVED AT DDMT. MATERIEL INCLUDES ITEMS MANAGED BY DESC, DISC, DCSC, DPSC AND OTHER ITEMS SERVICED.
5	ACTIVATE CRT TERMINAL FOR DWASP RECEIPT PROCESSING. VERIFY ALL DATA ELEMENTS LISTED ON INSPECTION VERIFICATION NOTICE. KEY PUNCH RECEIPT DATA AND CONFIRM RECEIPTS.
5	AUTOMATIC DISCREPANCY REPORTING SYSTEM. (ADRS)
5	USE OF MEASURING DEVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIALS AT DESTINATION.
5	SUPPORTS DDMT MISSION OBJECTIVES.

TOTAL OF LEVELS	:	NUMBER OF CRITICAL ELEMENTS	=	RAW SCORE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPRAISING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
25	:	5	=	5	L.C. SMITH, DDMT-FMRIA	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/20/93
IF RAW SCORE IS:		SUMMARY RATING IS:		SUMMARY RATING	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF REVIEWING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
5.0 - 4.7		EXCEPTIONAL		<del>X</del>	JAKE MANGUM, JR., DDMT-FMRI	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/1/2
4.6 - 3.8		HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL			TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	SIGNATURE	DATE
3.7 - 3.0		FULLY SUCCESSFUL			WARREN L. WRAY, DDMT-FMR	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/22/93
ANY ELEMENT RATED 2		MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE			SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE	DATE APPRAISAL DISCUSSED WITH EMPLOYEE	
ANY ELEMENT RATED 1		UNACCEPTABLE			<i>[Signature]</i>	4/13/93	

PERFORMANCE RATING	NOTE: Read instructions on reverse before completing form.	PERIOD COVERED		DUE DATE
		FROM: 1 Apr 93	TO: 31 Mar 94	
EMPLOYEE NAME (Last, First, MI) WARD, CHARLES L.	POSITION TITLE AND GRADE MATERIELS EXAMINER & IDENTIFIER, WG-07	#413-88-7438	OFFICE SYMBOL DDMT-EB	

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5	B. ACTIVATE CRT TERMINAL FOR DWASP RECEIPT PROCESSING. VERIFY ALL DATA ELEMENTS LISTED ON INSPECTION VERIFICATION NOTICE. KEY PURCH RECEIPT DATA AND CONFIRM RECEIPTS.
5	C. AUTOMATIC DISCREPANCY - REPORTING SYSTEM (ADRS)
5	D. USE OF MEASURING DEVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIEL AT DESTINATION.
5	E. SAFETY
5	F. SUPPORTS DDMT MISSION OBJECTIVES

TOTAL OF LEVELS	:	NUMBER OF CRITICAL ELEMENTS	=	RAW SCORE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPRAISING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
30	:	6	=	5.0	JOE A. BARNES, DDMT-EB	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-4-94
IF RAW SCORE IS:		SUMMARY RATING IS:		SUMMARY RATING	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF REVIEWING SUPERVISOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
5.0 - 4.7		EXCEPTIONAL		X	JOE A. BARNES, DDMT-EB	<i>[Signature]</i>	4-4-94
4.6 - 3.8		HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL			TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	SIGNATURE	DATE
3.7 - 3.0		FULLY SUCCESSFUL			W. MICHAEL AVEN, DDMT-E	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/1/94
ANY ELEMENT RATED 2		MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE			SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE	DATE APPRAISAL DISCUSSED WITH EMPLOYEE	
ANY ELEMENT RATED 1		UNACCEPTABLE			<i>Charles L. Ward</i>	20 Apr 94	

14 Apr 95

Defense Base Closure and  
Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street  
Suite 1425  
Arlington VA 22209  
Attn: Senator Alan Dixon

Dear Senator Dixon,

My name is Sharon Glasco, I work at the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis Tennessee (DDMT), I'm a GS-2005-03, Supply Clerk. I've been at DDMT for 6(six) years. With your commission's placement of DDMT on your list for closure it would virtually put me and my four kids (ages; 16, 11, 5, + 3) on the streets. I'm recently divorced (as of 04 Jan 95). I was married to a man who wasn't willing to work for what he could get out of life. But me, I'm trying to show, by example, my kids that there are no free rides in life.

As I previously stated, I'm a GS-2005-03,

government. I enjoy getting up and going to my job, because I feel I'm doing a good service for my country. Did I mention, the salary isn't enough for me to afford a car to get back and forth to work (I take public transportation, and get up each morning at 0430, every morning, and I don't even mind that).

So Senator Dixon, mine is just (I know) one little opinion. But there are others here at DDMT who make the sacrifices that I do for their jobs and want to keep them. So, would you please reconsider your suggestion on placing the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis Tennessee on the closure list. I don't know what the impact would be on the city, state, or surrounding states, I only know the impact it would have on my family.

Sincerely,

Sharon D. Masco

16 Apr 95

Senator Alan Dixon  
1700 North Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington, Va 22209

Dear Senator Dixon,

I am an employee of the Hesperus Depot Memphis. I am writing to let you know what effect the closure of the Hesperus Depot Memphis will have on me if the Depot remains on the Base Realignment and Closure List. I am a single forty three year old woman, the sole supporter of myself. I also help support my elderly mother. After many years of sacrifices & saving I recently bought a house which was one of my goals. I have dedicated the past eighteen years of my life doing the best job possible for the Depot. I have supported the Depot during crisis situations. A closure will not only affect me but my family, my church, my community.

The community benefits from the Hesperus Depot Memphis. We have trained Youth Service and Stay in School students. We also support the adopt a school program. Many who completed the program were able to find

employment.

I am asking you, once you have reviewed  
all the facts, please be fair with members.

Sincerely  
Mary A. Albert

17 April 95

Dear Chairman Dixon,

My name is Gladina B. Howard and I am employee with the Defense Depot Memphis Tenn. I am a single parent, raising and supporting 2 children on my income. I've been employee at DDMT for 19 years. I have one child in high school, one in college, buying a home and a new car. The only life insurance and hospitalization insurance I have is through my employer DDMT and if this base close my whole life would be wrecked. My goal in life is to work and earn a decent living to support my family because I never wanted the state (welfare) to support us. My son would have to drop out of college and my daughter might not ever get a chance to attend college and I would feel guilty because I would have deprived them of their education. And most of all I have devoted 19 years of my life toward a career that isn't giving me anything back in return and I think I am ~~done~~ something, please find a place in your heart to help keep

June 20, 1995

Dear Mr Dixon

my name is Alfred L. Smith. I am an employee at the Defense Dept. I have been an employee for eleven years. I am also a Viet Nam Vet. I spent 3 years on active duty. As of Now I am still in the Air National Guard, which I have 15 years into the Guards. I have spent 29 years with the Government, 29 years of my life, being a part of the Government has been an access in my life. I have great respect for the U.S. Government. I would like very much to see the Dept to continue to stay open. During my time here will have supplied our Government's mission with prompt success. We have been able to get our supplies to other

April 20, 1995

Dear Mr Dixon

my name is Willie G. Kinkland.

I am an employe at the Defense Depot in Memphis. I am 48 years old. And I have fifteen years here at the Depot. I have a wife and three children's. During the time I have been here we have supplied several missions, there have been times when we worked seven days a week to supply our country with supplies when needed. I am also a Veteran, I served my Country in the military for four years. Being a Defense Depot employe has been an access in my life. Being and employe here has made living better for me and my family. The economy here in Memphis will fall very much if the Depot is closed. Please reconsider.

Willie G. Kinkland

Memphis, Tenn.  
April 20, 1995

Senator Allen Dixon:

The Proposed Closure of Defense  
Depot Memphis would affect our economy.

Most of all, it will destroy my dream &  
Plan. I am a single parent, home buyer,  
taking care of my family. The closure  
will sadden me, despondency, dis-  
couragement.

We have been there for the Armed  
Forces. Upon Gulf: No Nine Jew.  
Vietnam, Cold war, Persian Gulf, military  
effort in Somalia, Haiti, and Myanmar  
Disasters and Relief.

Senator Dixon; I ask you, to  
take another look at Defense Depot  
Memphis. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Annie Bradford  
2325 Silver, Court  
Memphis, Tenn. 38104

4-20-95

To Whom This May Concern:

ATTN: Senator Allan Dixon

I wish to express my deepest concern and support toward keeping my job at Revenue Dept Memphis, for years I have looked forward to retiring. I have a spouse four great children that need my support, as far as education, self-esteem, desire, ability, and respectability, but the house I can't

I am writing this letter for the City of Memphis as far as unemployment. By means of working only jobs so long trying to support and do things for your children, especially if they try to go forward to the future, is somewhat devastating. I ask you to support me and my family and other families in our community to show faith in keeping jobs and working to full fill our job responsibility. For our family sake and all the people that are going thru the the same situation that I am. I can't get a job for long time, job, relocation, force retaining, deterioration and wages.

Senators Consider me as I am and the whole entire community for our job sake

Thanks  
Roy E. Dasher  
Revenue Dept. Memphis

Attn: Alan Dixon

4-17-95

I am, Terry Adams, an employee at Defense Logistics Agency Memphis, TN on the Defense Depot Memphis. The Defense Depot Memphis should not close because of their strategic central location and is cost-effective as a shipping center. This depot is the number one Distribution Center on the East Coast. Memphis City Economy depends a great deal on the Depot. We are already threatened with our major hospital facilities down-sized. Our cities economy will suffer greatly from this base closure. The states of Arkansas and Mississippi has employees at the Defense Depot and they will have some deal of lost from the closure. This depot is known for their ready alertness in times of crisis to aid all and any of Armed Forces supporting our troops. We are able to get their supplies to them from the time notified up to 24 hours. There are many more reasons that we should not be closed, but these are just a few. Closing this Depot will not help President Bill Clinton's new bill proposal for Welfare Reform.

Thank You,  
Mr. Terry Adams

20 April 95

Dear Mr. Allen Dixon,

My name is Art Deffen, I am employed at the Defense Depot Memphis. I am writing this letter in request to the decision to close this depot. The closing of this Depot will greatly impact my ability to make a decent living. I am 46 years of age and have 24 years of service. The chance of me finding another job would be difficult. I ask you, please reconsider your decision to close this depot.

Sincerely yours  
Art Deffen

Jessie Moody  
3483 Nathan Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38112

### The Brain Decision

Dear Brain Decision, I am a very concerned and devoted employee of DDMT. In making your future decision concerning DDMT, please take in thought all of our capabilities for performing all missions assigned and beyond.

Look at our central location and our transportation outlets. No other depot can distribute by Air, Water, Train or 4 Lane Highway.

DDMT holds the highest record for distribution during War & Peace time. I close now asking that all statistics be very carefully considered

DDMT - No. 1 Depot in USA

Sincerely Yours

Jessie S. Moody  
DDMT FOREVER

APRIL 18 1995

To. Mr. Dixon

From. Lemus Eugene Ester

I Am A Employee A THE DEFENSE Depot Memphis  
Am Just writing to let you know My ~~Love~~ Feel  
About THE BRAC Picking Our Depot To Be Close, First  
It really ~~is~~ going to Hurt Memphis As For As  
Jobs, Crime will go up, Family will Break up.  
It Not so much As My Job As it is 1300  
Job loss, WE TALKING ABOUT closing up A PLACE  
were Our Young People, Our Kids CAN HAVE  
Some were To work. Lot Kids NOT going TO  
College or services. THIS Be PLACE THEY CAN  
work with out college. Myself with THE HELP  
OF Lord Am get Another Job.

Am Just Asking IF. THERE ANY POSSIBLE  
ANY THING you Do, WE Are Asking To Try,  
Help us To keep THE Depot, We Relize we  
going To Have to Down size, But Memphis Need  
THIS Depot To stay open. I HAVE WIFE  
AND A Kid IT really going Be HARDShip.

THANK YOU  
Lemus E Ester  
MAY God Bless And  
Keep you

4-18-95

So from it may concern,

I Alfreda Louing being of sound mind,  
I am writing the Brac Commission.  
In reference to saving my job. I am  
a single Parent of 4, I am the  
head of my Household, I am also a  
Home owner, I am all that my  
Kids have they depend on me for  
their every need. This job is my  
Livelihood, I need my job and  
so do every one else. Will you  
all Please Reconsider.

Thanks  
Alfreda Louing

Attn. Chairman Dixon,

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the projected closing of Defense Depot Memphis. I am a 11 year federal employee and would like to know what criteria is being used to justify base closings. The closing would have a great impact on the economy of this city and the future of the 1300 odd employees and their families. Has the Central location and various modes of transportation been taken in effect. Please take this things in consideration

Hopefully,  
James Thomas J

CHAIRMAN ALAN DIXON  
1700 NORTH MOORE ST. SUITE 1425  
ARLINGTON, VA. 22209  
703-696-0504

DEAR CHAIRMAN DIXON,  
I WANT TO INFORM YOU OF MY CONCERNS AND EFFORTS OF  
REMOVING DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT MEMPHIS FROM THE BRAC'S  
CLOSURE LIST.

AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW THE 1,300 JOBS AT DDMT WILL  
HAVE A TREMENDOUS ECONOMICAL IMPACT ON MEMPHIS AND ITS SUR-  
ROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

PERSONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEF YOU OF MY SITUATION AS  
A DDMT EMPLOYEE WITH JUST UNDER 20 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT  
SERVICE. WORKING WITH CERTAIN MISSIONS IN THE PAST SUCH AS  
DESERT STORM, SOMALIA, HAITI TO NAME A FEW AND USING THE  
MECHANIZED SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT WHERE I WORK, GIVES ME  
GREAT PLEASURE IN PERFORMING MY JOB AND ACCOMPLISHING THAT  
WHICH I BELIEVE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO DLA AND THE DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT.

LOSING THIS JOB WILL BE A GREAT FINANCIAL LOSS TO ME  
AND MY FAMILY. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN JOINING ME IN  
SAVING DDMT FROM CLOSING. THANK YOU KINDLY.

SINCERELY  
Jesse H. Clark  
RECEIVING DIVISION  
DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS

To chairman Dixon I hope and pray  
that you and the other members, see how import-  
ant the Defense Depot in Memphis is to this City  
and our Nation. I need this job to help my  
family.

thank you for your  
support

Riley Mosby

April 20, 1995

my name is Tamika D. Gray. my  
mother's Name is Clara G. Hill.

my mother is a good mom, she has  
taken care of me every since I was  
born all by herself. my mom has  
made a very good living for us.

my mom need her job. Please

do not close the Depot. My  
mom has been there for 18 years.

I am gonna graduate in 1996 from  
high school. I hope that my mom

could stay at the Depot until I  
finish high school + college so that  
we (mom + I) won't have to struggle.  
my mom being employed at the

Defense Dept make our life comfortable  
financially. I know there are other families  
in our situation, please reconsider  
closing the Dept, we the children  
of Dept Employee ask very sincerely  
that the Brock Commission take a good  
look at Memphis Dept and give them  
them a chance.

Jamika Gray  
Daughter of  
Carm Hill

5014 Applewhite Lane  
Memphis, Tennessee  
April 24, 1995

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Attn: Chairman Nixon

In my opinion Defense Depot Memphis needs to remain open. There are over 1300 employees, will be without jobs and incomes if we close. The city of Memphis will also be a big loss, we pay city and county taxes. The businesses here in Memphis will most definitely feel the loss, we are all major consumers.

I have given the Defense Depot Memphis almost 14 good hardworking years of my life. I am a extremely good worker with a good work record. I have always went beyond standards to help complete the mission at the Defense Depot Memphis. I don't feel the decision for closure of this installation is a "fair one". I have two children my niece and nephew living with me and this will unjustly devastate them economically.

Deloris Cheatham

April 24, 1995

Mr. Alan Dixon, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure  
and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to convey to you my strong concerns about the future of the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis (DDMT), and the projected loss of 1,367 jobs. The ripple affect of the possible closure would impact our federal employees and their families; but the economic growth of Memphis would be impaired as well.

Most of our workforce is over the age of fourty and finding employment would be very hard. I am requesting that you speak with the other members using your influence to have the Defense Depot Memphis taken off the BRAC list.

Our history of meeting DoD mission requirements is unequaled and as a result we are ranked first in material support for our nations fighting forces. We have subsequently participated in every major military and humanitarian mission undertaken by DoD.

I ask that you help us save our jobs. I am hopeful with everyone's help and influence the Defense Depot Memphis will be taken off the BRAC list. I am confidant with your support we can keep our depot open, and forge ahead supplying our servicemen and women with the supplies they need.

I need my job and America needs us to maintain a strong military. I would like to thank you for your help and support concerning saving the 1,367 federal jobs.

Respectfully,



William R. Hendrix  
6790 Riverdale  
Horn Lake, Mississippi 38637  
(601) 342-6244

Dear Senator Allen Dixon

I'm writing you regarding the Defense Depot Closure in Memphis Tennessee.

I have been employed at the Defense Depot 14 yrs and I rely heavily on my job as my support.

I'm a good employee and I do my job very good. I have been on special project attendance training class when I can. IF the Defense Depot closure happen I would have a very difficult time getting another job at my current wage. Having to take a big cut in changing job would leave me unable to meet all my financial commitment.

In closing there are about 1300 people employed at the Defense Depot now and they will have the same difficult.

Lillian Sam Houston

April 21, 1995

TO: Senator Alan Dixon

I Everlene A. Fugh, a Packer,  
and during my maternity months,  
I worked as a C&T operator clerk.

I enjoyed working at the Defense Depot  
HELP supporting the mission.

I am married with two children,  
ages 3yr and 6 months. My Dream  
& accomplishment my goal for  
my family will be shatter and a  
Big SET Back with closure of the  
Depot.

The Depot have  
done great things for me and  
also for my family also.

DDMT's have done great things as  
Response to Humanitarian mission  
as Hurricane Hugo. Operation  
Just Cost and operation restore  
hope.

Thank you  
Everlene A. Fugh

To Senator Allan Dixon,

This letter is in regard to the proposed closing of the Defense Depot Memphis, TN. I hoped that our presentation in Birmingham impressed the Brac Committee enough that we deserved to remain open because not only do we have an important part for government we also serve our state as a hold.

This job has an importance meaning to me because for the last fourteen years it has been my main source of income. I know that we have done and are doing a mission that has a positive effect world wide. We have the means to ship products year ~~around~~ around due to our climate and location. This and our past record in such events as Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and relief efforts worldwide even as late as the tragedy in Oklahoma shows our willingness and capable work force at work. These are just a few reasons I feel like we deserve to stay open.

Charles E. Rhoder  
Defense Depot Memphis  
2163 Airways

April 18, 1995

Chairman Dwyer,

I am writing you in reference to the decision to close Defense Depot, Memphis. The reasons we should remain open are simple: to support the young men and women in the military, to provide them with supplies and clothing to perform their mission. In addition we are the best distribution center in the United States of America. We are close to the airport, Fed-ex, and the Tennessee Air National Guard.

We are well trained employees and performing quality work.

Please reconsider your decision and allow Memphis to remain open.

Cornie Jordan, Packer Supervisor  
DDMT-TSBA

Defense Base Closure and  
Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore St. Ste 1425  
Arlington, Va 22209  
Attn: Chmn Alan Dixon

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I am writing you as a concerned citizen and a 25 year federal employee. In regards to the proposed closure of the Distribution Depot Memphis, I don't understand the method by which Memphis was selected for closure. As one of the supervisors here at DDMT, it is not a logical or practical proposal. I have heard the terms that Memphis was ~~one~~ dimensional in mission capability and not allocated to provide valued support for military purposes. To me Memphis has not been tested in any of those situations and what missions that it would receive were predetermined over the years.

As you review all the facts note that the workforce here are producers. We have met many challenges over the years though sometimes misinformed as to what our objective may be. But many improvements have been made and we now have a better trained and motivated workforce. The Memphis area can provide a great service to the military community in support operations any where in the world. We are a haven of industrial people eager to meet the challenge, and to produce a quality service in an efficient manner to the taxpayer, Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

The impact of closure would greatly affect the Memphis and Shelby County area, and my concern are for my fellow co workers, who have shown their worth in the service of this country. Many are disabled, single parents and sole income

providers, who must now become displaced employees. I hope as the commission make your decision every effort and consideration be given in the matter.

Thanking You In Advance  
Alan E. Gilbert  
Marvin E. Gilbert

4-20-95

Sub. - Defense Base Closures and Realignment

Senator Dixon, It's understandable there will have to be some base closures, due to the end of the Cold War.

I respectfully ask you and others on the Brac committee to take under consideration, we need our jobs, and we put money back in our community in forms of taxes and other means. Above all DDMT is located perfectly for year round distribution of products worldwide.

THANK YOU

FRANK J. KEORNY JR 11505

Frank Keorney Jr

ATTENTION TO SENATOR ALLEN DIXON,

IN REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE., IN MY OPINION WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL AND DETRIMENTAL TO THIS MEMPHIS AREA COMMUNITY. THERE ARE LOTS OF MEMPHIS AREA FAMILIES, AGENCIES, CHURCHS AND BUSINESS'S, THAT DEPENDS UPON THE REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH THE MEMPHIS DEPOT EMPLOYEE'S INCOME.

IN THE PAST THIS DEPOT HAS SERVED OUR COUNTRY VERY WELL. BEING A VIETNAM WAR ERA VETERAN, I SURELY HOPE & PRAY THAT YOUR STATUS AS A SENATOR AND THE BRAC CHAIRMAN WILL BE ABLE TO HELP OVERTURN THIS PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

— RESPECTIVELY ALWAYS

David E. Ballard III  
WG-5 PACKER &  
FOLKLIFT DRIVER

Dear Mr Dixon,

my name is Skutton Rubin Sr. I am  
an employee at the Defense Depot in Memphis.  
I have been employed at the Depot for 14 years.  
I have really enjoyed being an employee at this  
Depot. I also served my country during the  
Viet Nam war in the U.S. Army. I have  
a wife and two children that depends  
on me to take care of them, to loose  
my job at this point of my life will  
be devastating. During my employment here  
at the depot we have supplied many  
missions, Desert Shield/Storm being the last  
one, we personally put forth an extra  
effort in this mission to help send my  
country, and to help supply them with the  
supplies that they needed. We the people here  
in Memphis need our jobs. Will you please  
reconsider the decision to close Depot Memphis.  
Sincerely yours  
Skutton Rubin Sr

Dear Mr Dixon

April 25, 1998

my name is Robert Smith, I was hired  
at the Defense Depot under the handicapp  
Program. I have worked at the Depot for  
twelve years. I am a handicapp Person, but  
by the Depot having such a Program helped  
me to be able to work for a living instead  
of just drawing a check from the tax payor  
to take care of me. I enjoy working and  
earning my own income to take care of  
my family. The Depot helps lots of people  
in the handicapp program. I pray that  
you will do all that is possible to  
help keep the Depot open. I really need  
my job, and I enjoy the work I do  
here at the Depot, help us to keep our  
jobs.

Robert Smith Sr

21 April 1995

2870 Sunbarton Oaks  
Memphis, TN 38127

Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am employed by the Memphis Defense Depot and would like to continue for a while longer. My reasons are simply, I need my job to support myself and family. My job also help provide self esteem and dignity - I'm not looking for a handout but a handup, along with serving my Country.

Memphis Defense Depot is not only important to me for employment but I feel we are important to the United States and other Countries, which we continuously demonstrate. Just this week after the evil bombing in Oklahoma the Memphis Defense Depot gave immediate response, we must be allowed to continue our support in "WAR and especially in PEACE."

Sincerely,  
Triselle M. Collins

~~4-27-95~~

My Job and the important it is,  
to me, to help pay my bills and  
and help take care and give to childrens  
and Educations.

Very Truly Your  
Pearlie M. Briggs  
1681 NO. HOLLYWOOD ST.  
MEMPHIS, TENN 38108

4-24-95

Dear Chairman,

I am an employee at the Defense Depot Memphis. I want to express how I feel about this job. I don't want the Defense Depot Memphis to close because I know it is very crucial to me and several other people ways of life. The Defense Depot Memphis existence is important to a lot of jobs that are centered in this city.

A lot of businesses are profitable because of its existence. Also, many families would be affected largely because of this closure. So, please help us keep the Defense Depot Memphis off the closing list.

Thank you,

Isaac Henderson  
Isaac Henderson

April 26, 95

To Mr. Dickson,  
my name is Samuel Valentine, I have  
been working at Defense Depot for twenty-two years.  
I am writing this letter in hope's that you might  
be able to help save my job as well as others.

Thanks

4/24/95

Verdell Pick  
3680 Boytown Road  
Memphis Tenn. 38109

Chairman Dipaw.

I am writing this letter concerning Base Closure + Realignment of the Defense Depot Memphis. My job is very important to me, and I will do all I can to keep my job, and hope you will help me to keep this ~~job~~ Depot open.

I have 19 years (not enough to retire) and I would like to stay a little - while longer, and I am sure other employees of the Depot feel the same way. So please help us to keep the Depot open.

Thank you

Verdell Pick  
Defense Depot Memphis

4-21-95

Dear Senator:

It would be a great disappointment for the Defense Depot Memphis to close. I have been employed with the Federal Government for numerous years. It would be a heart-break for the City of Memphis. The Depot has served the community and has been there in time of war. The city of Memphis has jobs that are cutting - back or already has folded. Many employees have small children, and cannot take the opportunity to possibly relocate in other areas. Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Henry Jeffries

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who have worked for so long in one job market, until I believe it would be hard to try and start over again. We need our jobs to live and take care of our families. We are and always here to help, whatever the task.

This installation is very much needed for wartimes, missions and whatever is required.

We have a mission now that we're working on, call "B Station" which is to feed and aid the people overseas. Even though you're talking about closing our Depot, we're working and doing over time trying to make things happen for this Depot. I thank you for reading and listen to this letter. I pray to God that you and the other members of the Bpac understand and help us Keep Our Dept Open!

Yours Sincerely,  
Margaret Farnsworth  
Bs-03 Automation Clerk

April 20, 1995

In reply to: Closure and Realignment Defense Depot Memphis, TN

To: Mrs. Dixon:

This letter is in reference to the proposed closure of the Defense Depot Memphis, TN.

It is my honest belief that we all need our job. I have been an employee of this installation for 18 years and there have been rises and falls, whether personal or otherwise, since I been here. However, none like this. There have been rumors, but nothing went into effect. Now we're faced with the task of trying to keep our jobs and this installation open. Mrs. Dixon, I know your concerns are with all of us, and for this <sup>is</sup> appreciative I want to try and tell you why this Depot should remain open. I know and believe that this Depot is essentially located in a good area. In our main streams we have access to good transportation. Our truck lines, airport areas, trains and highway, as well as Federal Express are essentially located. We helped our fellow country men through the Hurricane in Florida, we were there for the Desert Storm Desert Shield mission, El Salvador, and the Somalia Mission. We are hardworking, caring and god fearing peoples. I believe that our jobs and our location is essential. We are a people

Shelby J. Elmore  
1633 Patterson  
Memphis, Tenn. 38111

Dear Chairman Dixon,  
I am employee of Defense Depot Memphis, and  
have been for 14 years and the closure of this  
instaliation will be devastating to me and my family.  
Especially, because both me and my husband  
are employee of DDMT. It is hard enough  
when one job is lost, but in my case  
two jobs will be lost.  
We have two children, both are in  
College.

I am proud and dedicate employee  
of DDMT. Who has served during different  
Conflicts, and disasters such as Desert Storm,  
Operation Hope and Somalia, The Closure  
of this Depot would be a tremendous loss.

Shelby E. Elmore

To Base Closure and Realignment Commission

In reference to Base Closure of the Defense Depot Memphis, we as a whole are experiencing anger, hurt, depression, confusion, frustration and betrayal. This proposal will have a great impact on my neighborhood, you are a mother and head of my household. I feel there is power in numbers and the battle is not over yet. I am aiming at a full victory with my continue support in reversing the decision.

Thank-You  
Carolyn Brown  
WG 8907-05

April 19, 1995

To Chairman Allan Dixon,

I am currently employed at the Defense Logistics Agency in Memphis TN. and it is currently being targeted for closure.

I need this job to survive because as a single parent, this job is the sole support of my household, single parent with a young child. I am asking that you keep this facility open. I have invested 17 yrs. of dedicated and hard work in the federal government. This job is a matter of survival.

Thank You Very Much  
Ms. Deborah Kaye Flowers

Materials Examiner: Identification

April 17, 1995  
2053 No. Fairbairn  
Memphis, TN 38106

Dear Senator Glenn Sifers:

I am writing you to voice  
how the clearing of Defense Dept  
members will adversely affect  
my family.

I am a single parent with a  
child in junior high. I know  
that closing the base is presently  
having an effect on him. He is  
is asking, from what we have to  
have everyone here in TN to  
where I will have no friends.  
on family. This hurts not only  
me but it hurts my community.  
I am understanding we are just  
a year or a half we can  
more than that. We are there

and women like have people  
to depend on us. I know that  
there is life after the death  
but we have put our life  
blood into the face. I have  
worked here for 18 years. I've  
worked hard here, because I  
can prove to be a part of what  
it takes to care for the men  
and women in the armed forces.  
When Soviet Atom and the  
other conflicts were going on I  
worked 7 days and weeks from  
morning to night because I wanted  
the things to have the medical  
or chemical my own way  
responsible for. Also many women  
little to nothing to you, but I  
hope you and your committee  
will take a second look at  
the information that has been  
provided. Thank you for taking



Time out of your busy day  
to read my letter.

Yours truly

James St. Michael

901-947-2246 James

901-773-6199

DSN 683-6199

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APRIL 24, 1995

DEAR, CHAIRMAN,

I AM A EMPLOYEE OF DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS, A PROUD CITIZEN OF MEMPHIS.

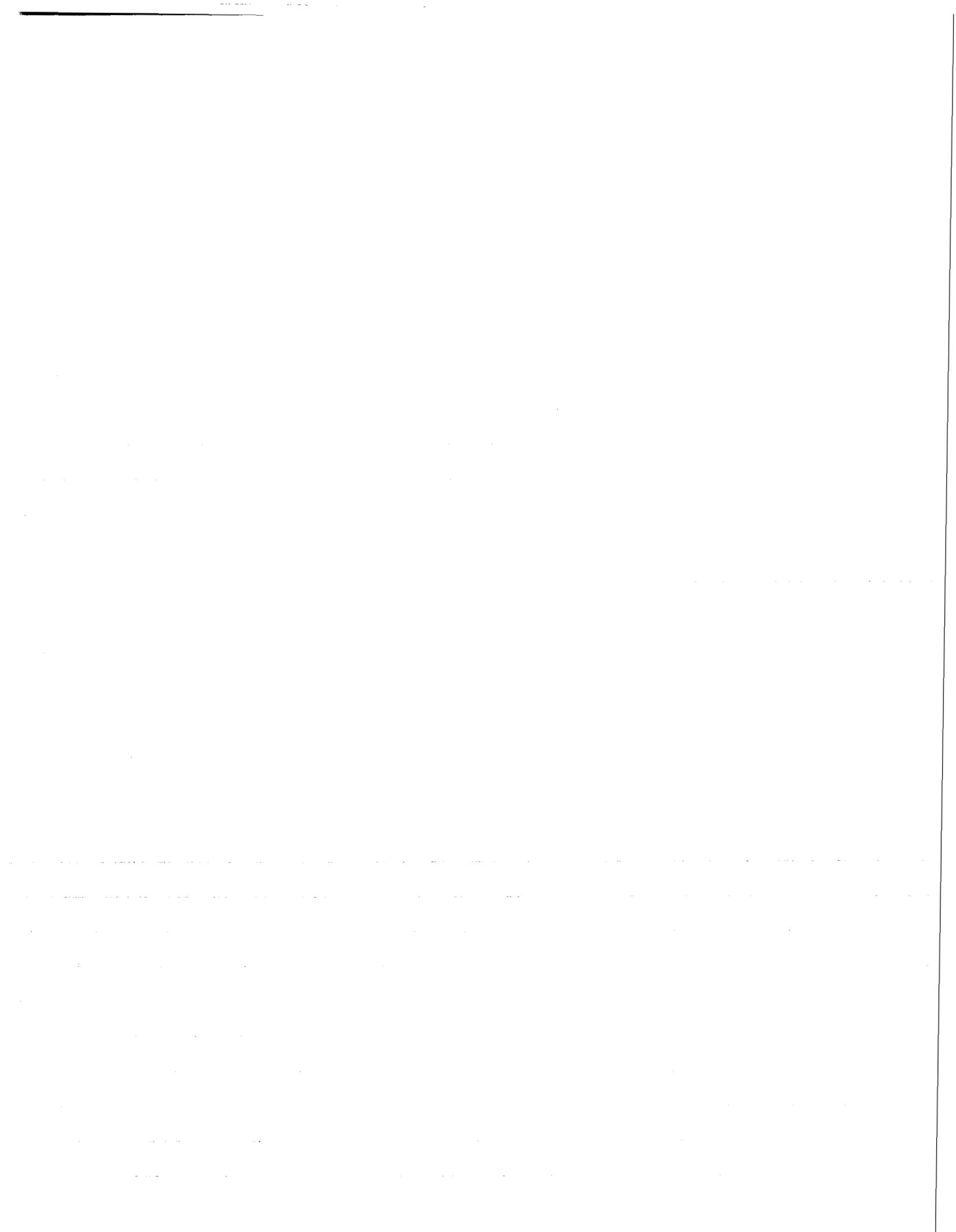
DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS IS A STRONG COMMUNITY HELP, ADOPTIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM, GED PROGRAM, BLOOD DRIVE ETC.

DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS HAS THE BEST TRANSPORTATION FOR SHIPPING MATERIAL ANYWHERE. IT'S CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT, EASY ACCESS TO ANY TRUCK LINE, HELICOPTER LANDING PAD, RAIL CARTS FOR TRAIN EXPORTATION.

WE REALLY NEEDS TO REMAIN OPEN.

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SINCERELY,  
Kenneth Molen



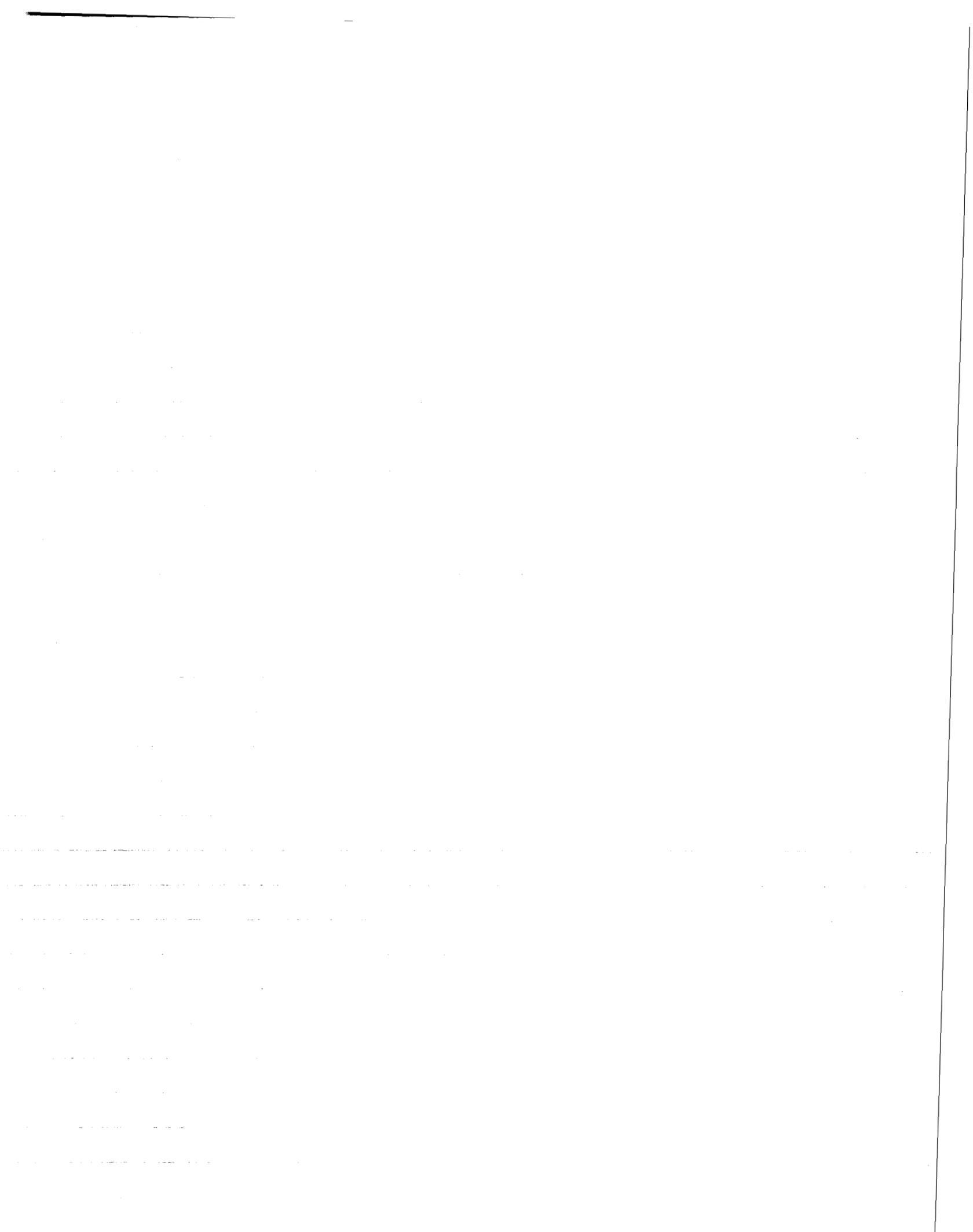
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DEAR CHAIRMAN,

DEFENSE DEPOT OF MEMPHIS IS A  
STRUDY STRUCTURE TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

WE NEED OUR JOBS AND ALL THE OTHER  
BENEFITS THE DEPOT OF MEMPHIS HAS TO  
OFFER. IF THERE IS ANY THING  
THAT CAN BE DONE PLEASE HELP US  
TO REMAIN OPEN AND OPERATING.

SINCERELY,  
Charles Bucklett  
MATERIA HEMER



04-24-95

From: John Newberry  
To: Chairman Alan Dixon  
Subject: Base Closure Defense Depot Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I sincerely hope that you and the committee will give us fair justice here in Memphis. It is my belief that if all pertinent data and statistics are evaluated honestly our value and importance will be realized. The loss of jobs would be a disaster for 98% of the employees that work here at DDMT. The majority of employees that work here live from paycheck to paycheck with hardly any savings to cushion a loss of employment.

The majority of us have mortgage and automobile payments to make, children in High School or College and utility and other bills to pay. We are God fearing hard working employees, devoted to our job and to our mission.

I sincerely hope that you and the committee will take these facts <sup>under</sup> consideration, and judge us fairly and honestly when making your decision.

John Newberry  
Employee Defense Depot  
Memphis, TN.



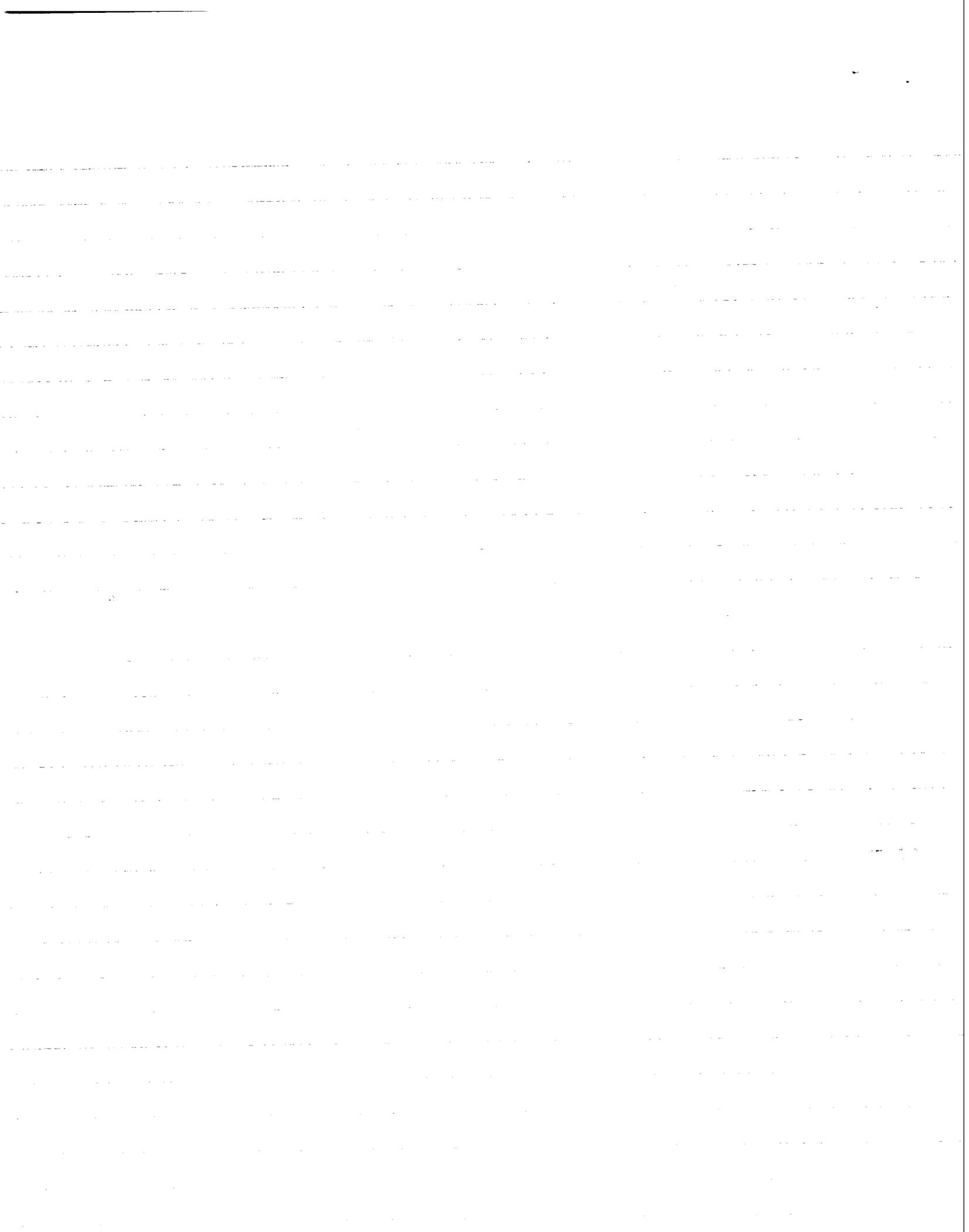
24-April 1995

In response to your commission to the closing of DIA Memphis. As a single mother I ask that you look at the aspects of your decision very closely.

Being the mother of two boys I depend on this JOB for my soul support. I chose this job, even many for a career and to support my children. With this job I have manage to stay off of welfare and to live decently. Because I found that Welfare and Child Support system does not work for me. I am the wife of a Vietnam Era veteran who served his country and came back disabled and a different person mentally and physically, who could not sustain a family life. The government supports him, but only supports his children and myself on merely \$100<sup>00</sup> a month. This is my Child Support. I am not the only one but there are many who face the challenge of supporting families alone.

The closing of this base affects surrounding ~~near~~ neighboring states as well. We have families from Arkansas and Mississippi who drive many miles to this installations. It will affect other businesses just as well. Truck lines, UPS, Fed Ex, Postal Workers and other facilities that this installation contract to will have major layoffs just with the closure of this installation.

This installation prides it self with working for and with the handicap and neighboring schools. even with helpy students who attend college.

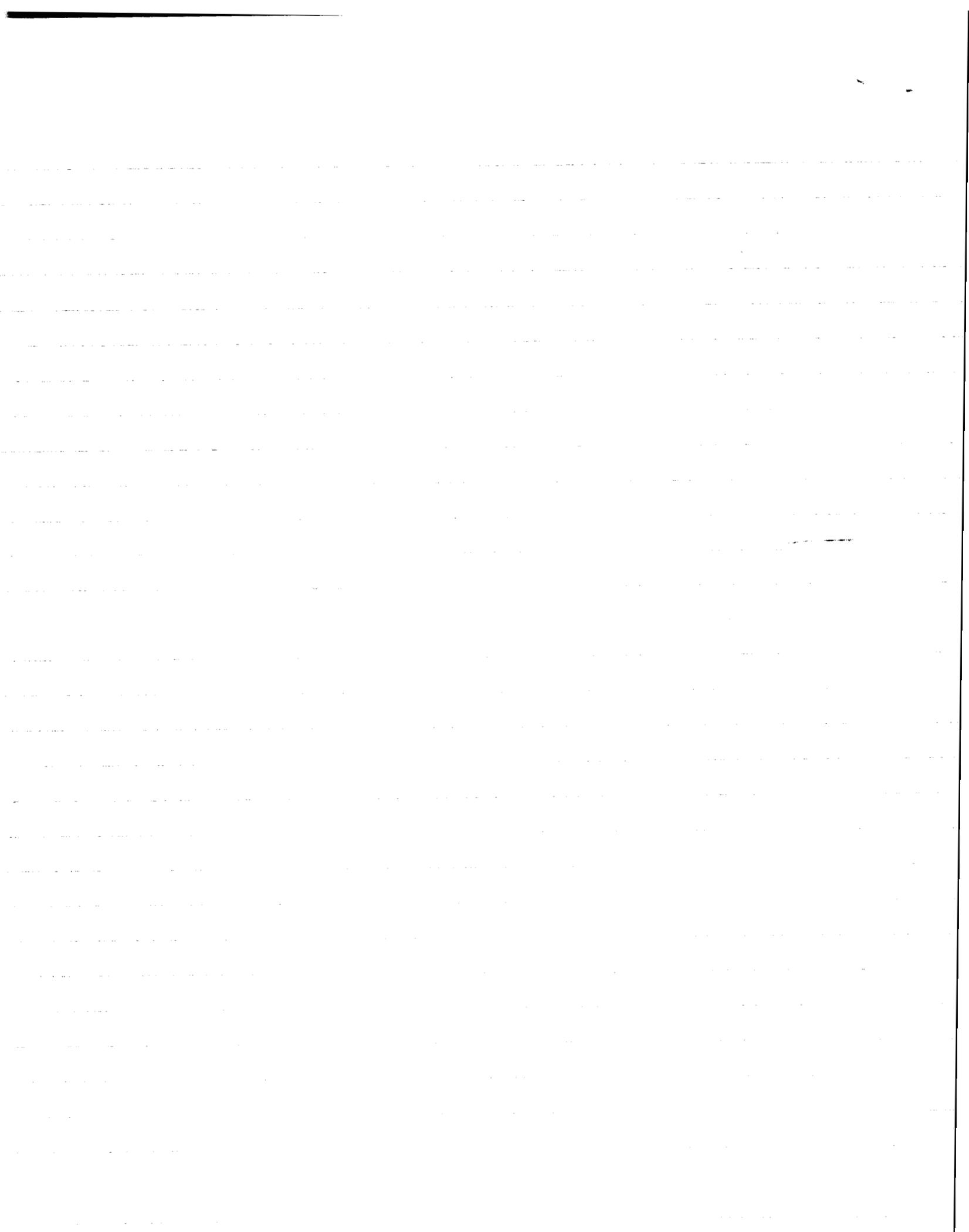


I have had neices and nephews who have served in Desert Storm, brothers and cousins who served in the Vietnam War, my husband came back mentally and physically handicap enduring great humiliation for his tenure, my Brother served in Korea my father in WWII And this is my way of serving my country and also supporting my family. Because for every one of the humanitarian missions I have served some with pay some without. Because I felt it was not all about money but for a cause. A cause I believed in to sustain a ~~country~~ conscious of serving those who support my rights as a citizens

In closing I ask you to looking as your decision and consider the lives affected, not the 1% you claimed but the 80% truly affected.

Sincerely yours

Mrs Mary E. Taylor  
WG 5 Packer  
DDMOT

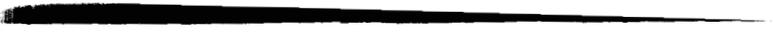


Dear Mr. Dixon

I am a employee of the Defense Dept of Memphis  
+ a very concern person about my job + the welfare of  
my family future + welfare of the Community that has been  
serve the arm forces since 1940, and I am a proud America  
that would like to continue to serve my Country doing war time  
+ peace time, and like to work with the people to do the best  
that I can to serve the welfare of my job.

"May God bless and keep you thru your times of trying to  
get the economical down."

Samuel Cook Jr



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Dear Chairman Dixon,

My name is Sharon V. Abram. I am a seventeen year employee of the Defense Depot in Memphis, Tn.

I am deeply concerned about DLA's concerned about DLA's decision to recommend closure of the Memphis Depot.

First, I would like to highlight the personnel impact it would have on my life and the life of my family. I am a single parent and the head of household in a family which consist of a daughter, my mother, a younger sister, nieces and a nephew. My father is deceased and my mother is 68 years old and not in the best of health.

My mother's monthly income consist of a very small widows pension that not even one person can make it on by buying food and paying bills. With the economy and job market the way it is in Memphis, my younger sister is working seasonal at the Internal Revenue Service. I'm not trying to make this a sad story because I'm sure that you have heard your share.

To make a long story short on my personnel life, I'm 36 year old and is taking care of a large family. I've opted to move away from home several times but chose not to because of my mother's illnesses and I felt that I would not be able to provide for her financially with the upkeep of my own home and bills. If the Depot in Memphis closes, it would not only hurt me, but also my dependents.



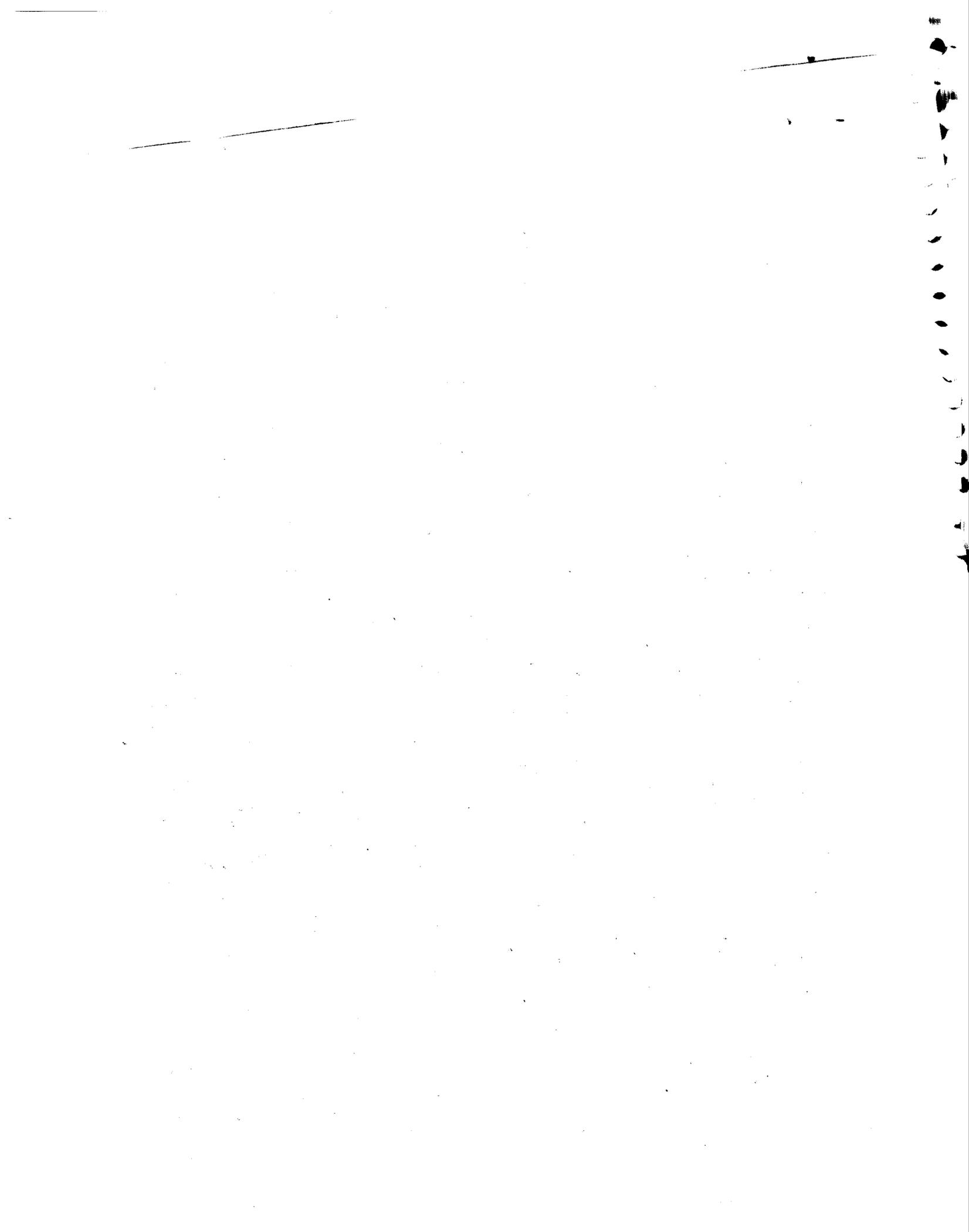
In the past five years a lot of companies in Memphis has folded. It won't be easy to go out and find a job in this city compatible to the salary that the employees at DDMT are making presently. The economy is already suffering from other companies closing and the impact of losing DDMT will be devastating. It will not only hurt the depot employees but also local restaurants, trucklines, church tithes, stores, combined federal campaigns, blood donations etc.

In recent months I've tried to visualize the rationale of the closing recommendation. Coming up through the years at the depot I've seen and experienced many things.

One of the things is being at the top many times. Becoming a Region at one time and being stripped of that title without any explanation to the employees. Memphis worked hard to become a Region. The enthusiasm, effectiveness and expertise was shown by employees. After we received the word that we would be regionized, I've asked myself again and again why were we asked to assist the new Region because of the need of experienced people.

I am presently working in a Warehousing Division Office as a Distribution Facilities Specialist. The commodity that I handle is Subsistence. (Food)

I communicate daily with customers and the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) in Philadelphia. I coordinate projects such as the B-Ration Program and Humanitarian Assistance Programs. My job consist of coordinating any project in Subsistence and communicating with key players at DPSC.



I was able to call DPSC back that evening to ask for our first assignment. It would have taken longer for other Depots to respond. (I'm told by DPSC).

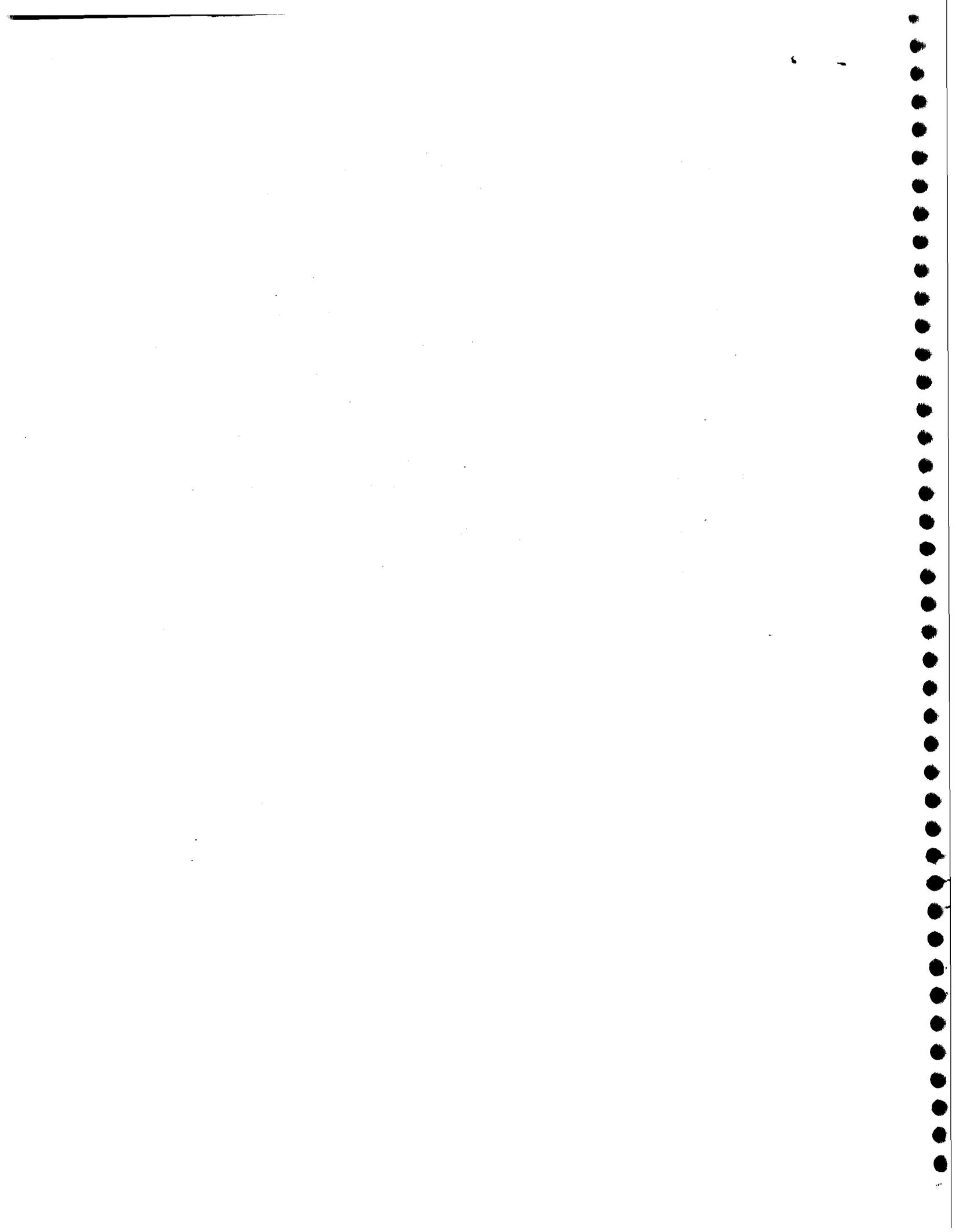
This is one of the many challenges that we have met successfully. The questions many have asked is why so many major projects, yet we are not worthy to stay open? This leaves me to believe that Base Closure has nothing to do with performance.

In closing, Commissioner Dixon, I strongly urge you and the committee to reconsider the closing of the Memphis Depot and also the closing of a lot of lives.

Thank you for allowing me this time to express my feelings.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Wynn











4-20-95

To CHAIRMAN ALAN DIXON,

I'AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN REGARD TO  
"BRAC". I'AM AN EMPLOYEE OF 23 YRS. AT DDMT  
MEMPHIS. THE OPERATION WE HAVE HERE IS  
NUMBER 1 IN THE COUNTRY. FIRST OF ALL WE'RE  
A DEPOT OF ON TIME SHIPPING, BY LAND,  
AIR AND SEA. SECOND WE RISE TO ANY  
DISASTER THAT MAY OCCUR. FINALLY THE  
WORLD NEEDS OUR SERVICE AND WE NEED OUR  
DEPOT.

YOURS TRULY  
A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE  
MICHAEL B. RAYBORN



21 April 95

Attn: Chairman Alan Dixon  
1700 N. Moore Street  
Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA. 2209

Dear Sir:

I am a civilian worker with 29 years of government service behind me. I started my career at the Memphis Defense Depot at age 19 and have been here every since. I was truly looking forward to retirement at age 55. However, because of BRAC I may be forced to retire early with penlties.

At first my decision was to just accept whatever happened, happen. But upon having to take part in the shipping of needed items to Oklahoma, I decided to express my concern. I am employed in the Transportation Shipping Dept. and have actively worked many hours to assist in the various crisis that have involved our country. Not just for my sake, but for the sake of the country first, and then the Memphis community that someone will truly and factually investigate the effect that closing Defense Depot MPD will have overall.

I could write a book with my concerns, but I won't waste your time, I'm sure you will do all you can to search out all the facts before making a final proposal.

Thank you for reading  
Githa S. Peoples  
DDMT-TA

4-23-95

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a faithful and loyal worker at Defense Depot Memphis. I have worked at Defense about 14 yrs and also served 2 yrs in the Army including in Vietnam. To close down DDMT would be cruel and unjust act on the part of the Government. To close DDMT down would be total Chaos. I would lose my job, Home, Medical Insurance etc. I couldn't pay my Bills, Eat or keep my Automobile running to try to find a new job. I have 8 more yrs to pay for my home and to lose it now would be cruel and inhuman. Memphis is Distribution center of the world well what do The "D" in Defense Distribution means. As I see it Memphis is a gate to the world and DDMT can insure our military people war or peace time that what ever is needed can and will be shipped to them in know time flat. We want be hinder by Bad Weather or Bad Weather in adjoining states, that could slow the arrive of such needed item. Memphis touch 2 States and Tennessee touch 8 States if it has to be ship by truck and a snow storm hit one of the states, we have 7 more exit's going for us, The point is getting it where its needed is Guarantee by Sea (Water), Highway, Railway or Airway and that my friends is the top and bottom line. DDMT need Memphis and Memphis need DDMT. We fought in the war we shedded Blood, We work on the jobs we shedded

sweat and now they want to take away our jobs  
and we shedding Tears.

Wall Hays Jr

19 April 95

Alan Dixon, Chairman  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin S. Faye". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Alvin S. Faye".

19 April 95

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*John J. Bishop, Jr.*

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Sincerely,  
-55

David Allen White  
4520 Kerwin Drive  
Memphis, TN 38128-1900

April 20, 1995

The Defense Depot should remain open to support the U.S. Military Forces. Due to the continuous threats to the United States, and it Allies, we must maintain a strong, superior and well supplied Armed Forces.

Defense Depot Memphis is strategically located to receive and ship supplies to the Military. It has immediate access to two major Interstates, Major Airport, including facilities for Military Aircraft, Railroads and fresh water and Marine shipping.

4-21-95

Mr. Alan Dixon,  
I Am Writing to you by reference to  
my job being on the closure list  
Memphis Defense Depot, my Dixon if  
you can do something to help us to  
get off the closure list please help  
us. I have twenty one years of services  
with the government almost at the  
age to retire, Mr. Dixon I really need  
my job because I am too old to go out  
to look for another job.

Please help us.

Mrs. Bernice White

Andy Miller  
Defense Depot  
Memphis, TN 38114  
April 21, 1995

Dear Sir:

I am a career employee at the Defense Depot in Memphis. I don't understand why the government is following after the ways of private sector, though I am no Einstein, but shouldn't we be leading the way in trying to help people keep their jobs instead of taking them away.

The majority of the people at the Defense Depot are 5-7 years short of being able to retire now they are being ask to start all over again. Something is wrong.

Is this the way of our government now so uncaring and heartless towards struggling Americans?

Is this really the land of the free?

Is this the Country I have put my hopes, faith and beliefs in only to find out it's just a mirage. If so Lord help us for we are not standing on principles this Country was founded on. Life, Liberty and the Pursue of Happiness.

Love,

JOYCE L. KEYS  
2031 KELTNER CIR.  
Memphis, TN 38114

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE and  
REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

To Chairman Alan Dixon:

I am writing this letter in reference to the proposed closure of the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis TN. I have been an employee at DDMT for 17 years. I am a single parent and this is my only source of income. I am not only concerned about my future, but also the future of our children and our community. The depot has been in existence for as long as I can remember and has been a vital part of this community. To lose this depot would be a great impact on our children because this is their future. Our children are already at the top of the crime list, and the main reason is that they think we don't care and they can't find any good jobs so they turn to other things to have the things that they desire. Our unemployment is already at an all time high, and crime is worse than it has ever been. To close this depot and put over 1000 people out of work would be only adding to our world problems. The crime rate would go even higher, unemployment figures would go up and our young people would have even less to look forward to. I have been educated as well as skilled here at this depot. I have had an opportunity to better my skills and knowledge by attending some classes that have been offered here at DDMT, some even offered college credits. I would like for my child and others to have some of these opportunities. The closure of this depot would be devastating to all concerned. I hope and pray that the decision will be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce L. Keys

April 19, 1995

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE and  
REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Chairman Alan Dixon:

I am writing this letter in reference to the proposed closure of the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis Tenn. I have been an employee at DDMT for 23 years. I am nearing retirement age and I have worked here all my life. I am the sole bread winner of a family of 5. If this depot closes and I have worked here my entire life I have no retirement to look forward to. I am not only concerned about my well being, but also about the well being of my co-workers and the impact it would have on the community. To lose this depot would hurt over 1,000 people. Some have nothing else and can do nothing else. It would hurt the community even more, the crime rate would increase tremendously, unemployment would increase and less money would be put back into our community. I am interested in my son's well being, who is now graduating from high school. In order for me to send him to college I need to continue working. Our children need an education now more than ever, and if this depot falls I could not even begin to count the number of children who would not be able to get an education, because their mothers and fathers are not able to afford it. This job has been good to me and to other employees. If it had not been for DDMT a large number of us would not be where we are today. It has made us able to help the economy of this city. We put money back into the community by being employed at DDMT. If we are unemployed we can only take away from our community and our economy. I hope that you would reconsider our Base Closure for the sake of the community, the economy, and the employees of DDMT.

Sincerely,



Clinton Cain

April 20, 1995

In reply to: Closure and realignment Defense  
Depot Memphis, TN.

To Mr. Dixon:

This letter is in request to the  
proposed closure of the Defense  
Depot Memphis, TN.  
I sincerely believe closing this  
facility would destroy a lot of  
lives. I am now a single parent  
with two children totally dependant  
on me for support. I have been  
an employee here for twenty-two  
years yet I am too young to retire.  
This depot has functioned and  
supported many missions through  
crisis situations such as Desert  
Storm, Desert Shield, El Salvador  
and the Somalia mission. We have  
done our best to be responsible,  
caring and efficient employees  
at all times. We are centrally  
located and we have never  
shut down because of bad  
weather. Please, do all you  
can do to keep this depot

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open and we will forever be  
grateful.

Thank you  
Hilda R. Chasin

Dear Alan Dixon

4-19-95

We want to keep our  
job opening for the people who  
can affordable to living, food,  
clothes without welfare, Medicare,  
and social Security check income that  
I am deaf disability and I don't  
need a social Security checking income  
without a job. I hope our job  
keeping open without any problem  
a living in the street, no clothes, no  
food. please keep opening our  
job.

Thank You  
Robbie Jean Walters

Why I think That DDMT should  
not close?

Because I think that over the  
last few years, employees of DDMT, have  
taken a different and better approach  
to doing their jobs! Wanting the  
customers to get quality materials on  
time! Also they are at time when  
most are near retirement! They would  
like to stay in Memphis and be reminded  
that they work at one of the finest  
Depot in this country.

Sincerely yours;  
A Proud DDMT  
Employee.

Robert Carey

Dear Sir,

Closing DOWN would  
have an effect on the entire  
South. Memphis is the  
Distribution Center of the  
South and U.S.  
Even though we are  
at peace there still is  
a need for complete readiness,  
storage and shipping of  
supplies.

Yours Truly,  
Nicholas Newson  
DOWN

4-20-95

Dear Mr. Dixon,

I am writing this letter in reference to the recent announcements of the Base Closure and Realignment.

A list that includes the Defense Depot Memphis Tenn. I am an employee here at this installation and have been so for the past nine years. I am a WG-5 packer and formerly a GS-4 Shipment Clerk. Nine years ago as a young adult the Defense Depot opened up major opportunities for me, both financial and educational.

My job has allowed me many career advancement opportunities, and has given me the experience of serving and supporting this Country's military staff. Closing this installation would be a severe blow, financially, to my family and I and also the community in which I live and patronize.

The Defense Depot Memphis has allowed many the opportunity to excel and reach goals that would not normally be achieved. Some include youth job training programs, summer jobs for youths, city school tutoring programs and career advancement classes for employees. Keeping this Depot open would be beneficial to military personnel who rely on institutions such as this for supplies and support in times of crisis and emergencies. The Defense Depot Memphis is conveniently located and is easily accessible for the shipment of supplies.

And in closing this letter I feel that this closure would cause a severe shut down in the military shipment system, when supplies are needed the most. This proposal should be seriously re-evaluated so that the right decisions will be made  
over →

and the Depot is kept open.

Sincerely,  
Yolonda K. Batts

Rhonda McEwee  
3657 FIR LANE #4  
Memphis, Tenn. 38115  
April 20, 1995

Defense Commissioner  
1700 North Moore St. Su. 1425  
Arlington VA 22209

Dear Sir:

I am a concern employee at the Defense Depot in Memphis. I feel the depot should stay open because it is geographically located in a good area. We can easily be accessible to all the modes of transportation in which we ship land, air, or sea (water). We are next door to the number one carrier in the world FED-EX. that operates 24 hours a day. And we can get anywhere in the east coast in time of disaster in a hurry (and also the world). Please consider these areas carefully.

Thank You.

Sincerely  
Rhonda McEwee

To: Whom It May Concern

I Nonis Whitmore would like to express my concern about the Defense Depot in Memphis being closed. I have been an employee at the Depot for the past 21 years. It have been a nice place to work.

Closing the depot in Memphis would be devastating to Memphis and the surrounding area.

When there were many crisis such as Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Somalia, and even now the bombing in Oklahoma City we were there when called upon.

Now I am calling on you to reconsider your decision about closing the Depot in Memphis Tenn. Give us the opportunity to continue to provide and serve America.

Thank You  
Nonis Whitmore

Address 1891 Fairmeade  
Memphis Tenn. 38114

18 April 95

Alan Dixon, Chairman  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am concerned with this decision and the economic impact it will have on the community. The Defense Distribution Depot of Memphis, TN has supported numerous missions for both the community and the country by providing food, clothing, and medical supplies during the Desert Shield/Storm, Gulf War, Haiti, Somalia, U.S. Disaster mission, and the Memphis Ice Storm in 1994.

Memphis is a centrally located depot, it is more conducive for shipping in and out of the local area. Using the transportation that is made readily available by Fed-Ex, truck lines, rail, air, and the river. This Depot is conveniently located in the vicinity and it allows expeditious shipping of supplies to support the missions.

The economic impact on the community would be disastrous, with not only the loss of an estimated 1,367 direct jobs, but approximately 7,000 affected family members. Local businesses that surround the depot would also be affected.

Government agencies such as tenants, VA Medical Center, Corps of Engineers, Reserve units, public schools and MIFA would be greatly affected.

The ripple effect of this closure would not only impact the Federal Employees at the depot but the economic growth of Memphis as a whole would be impaired and would not be in the best interest of U.S. Defense Department.

Sincerely,

Linda L. White  
4520 Kerwin Drive  
Memphis, TN 38128-1900

April 19, 1995

Chairman Dikson,

As a member of the IDMT Memphis family,

I am writing in defense of the proposed closure.

The presentation by the Team members in Birmingham, Ala. reemphasized the "Need" of the Memphis Dept. Please consider the facts as

presented in that meeting and I believe you will agree as well with the other commission members that

the Memphis Dept should remain open!!!

Thank You,

Charles Robert

April 18, 1995

Chairman Alan Dixon  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, Va. 22209

Dear Sir:

The recent announcement that the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, was on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list was quite a surprise to many Depot employees. Along with that announcement came many other valid concerns for me and my family. As briefly as possible, I will share only a few of those concerns.

My civil service career began shortly after I completed high school. At the time, what was believed to be a secure job future at the Depot no longer exist; I fully expected to retire from this agency at age fifty-five. The situation I am now facing, is that I am a forty-five year old African American female with twenty-three years and seven months of federal civil service. I am too young to retire, and too old to began a new career. Additionally, my husband, also employed at the Memphis Depot, is forty-five years old with twenty-one years of federal service. The overwhelming majority of Depot employees are in their forties.

We are not wealthy nor affluent, instead we live from one Depot pay-check to another. If the Depot closes our household will consist of two unemployed adults and one ten year old who depends solely upon us for his support and well-being. He is also having a hard time dealing with the possibility of having to relocate.

In conclusion, there have been a lot of conversations concerning base closures and balancing the federal budget. Some of our politicians say that they owe it to their children to balance the budget. My question to you Sir, and to those politicians is, "Who is responsible for our children"? We can be factored out of civil service, but we can not be factored out of society.



Velma H. Lewis  
Packer Leader  
Defense Depot Memphis

19 April 95

ALAN DIXON, CHAIRMAN  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 NORTH MOORE STREET, SUITE 1425  
ARLINGTON, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Defense Distribution Depot Memphis has been recommended for closure by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). As a taxpayer and registered voter, I am concerned with this decision and the economic impact it will have on the community. The Defense Distribution Depot in its history has supported numerous missions for both the community and the country by providing food, clothing and medical supplies during Desert Shield/Storm, Gulf War, Haiti, Somalia, U.S. Disaster mission and Memphis Ice Storm of 1994.

Since Memphis is centrally located and does not have the weather constraints of other parts of the country, it is more conducive for shipping in and out of the local area. Using transportation made readily available by Fed-Ex, truck lines, rail, air and the river, located in the immediate vicinity, allows expeditious shipping of supplies to support missions.

The economic impact on the community would be disastrous, with not only the loss of an estimated 1,367 direct jobs, but with approximately 7,000 affected family members. Local businesses would also be affected with the loss of revenue, jobs and in some cases their businesses. Other Government agencies such as Depot tenants, VA Medical Center, Corps of Engineers, Reserve Units, Public Schools and MIFA would also be affected.

The ripple effect of this closure would not only impact the Federal Employees at the Depot, but for the economic growth of Memphis as a whole would be impaired and would not be in the best interest of U.S. Defense Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Phyllis Jackson".

April 20, 1995

To Mr Dixon:

I am writing in reference to the proposed closure of the Defense Dept Memphis, I am concern about our jobs. I have a family and I know it will be hard to find another job I have been and employe of the Dept for 22 years. We helped our fellow Country men through the Hurricane in Florida, We were there for the Desert Storm, Desert Shield mission, El Salvador, and the Somalia mission, We are hard working coming and trying to keep our job. I believe that our jobs and our location essential.

Janice Stewart  
514 Shofar  
Memphis, Tennessee 38109

April 20, 1995

Chairman Alan Dixon  
1700 North Moore Street  
Suite 1425  
Arlington, Va 22209

Dear Chairman Dixon,  
I am writing to express my feelings about the closure of Memphis Defense Depot. It is a prayer, that, this action can be stopped.

I have worked as a warehouse packer in the Medical Branch for 18 years. I have worked very hard because I knew my job was important to me as well as to our customers that we serve. I have come back to work late at night for walk-thru for patients could have medication for "Life or Death" orders to have immediately. I am committed and take pride in what I do. As an African American it is not only so much for the income, but for the honor of knowing that you are helping others.

My Grand father worked here when the Depot first opened. He was a blind veteran

and the pride he had was instilled in me. I hope down through the years my kids can express the same feelings.

20 April 95

Alan Dixon, Chairman  
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In reference to the future closing of Defense Depot in Memphis, TN. The Depot contributes highly to the economy in Memphis, financially, spiritually and educationally. A large percentage of our youth has been trained at the Depot giving them what they need toward preparing them for future trained adults to help manage and control a better organized society and communities for us to live and survive in.

In the past other subsidized programs were assisted through the Depot toward training individuals for future employed citizens in society. Employment for our youth is of utmost importance to me toward helping to eliminate crime. The younger generation itself being employed is definitely a number one reason for our remaining open.

Jobs in Memphis are scarce in a higher paying capacity. Minimum wage is a no, no, when we are striving for better. A number two reason for our remaining open is we have made commendable contributions in assisting in missions supporting other continents (our Friends) in Time of need, working hours, upon hours, spending considerable amounts of time away from our own household trying to help others in a much needed time. Not one but numerous missions (1) Desert Shield/Storm, (2) Somalia, (3) El Salvador, (4) Kuwait, (5) Haiti, and many others.

Reason number three is we play a large role in hiring the handicapped, training and preparing them for becoming financially capable of handling monies and other arising conditions. This saves the Government by not having individuals on welfare roles and other Government funds. Earning their own money makes them become citizens, more appreciative of their knowledge being useful in our communities.

The fact is I am retiring in September (not because I want too) in order for the individuals that cannot, have a chance to stay employed. I am very much interested in my co-workers and fellow men than some can realize. I am very much concerned.

Statistics will show that unemployment causes the crime rate to rise. If the Depot of Memphis closes this will surely become a higher crime rate area. Please take this into consideration. Don't spend an excessive amount on courts and prisons unnecessarily.

Sincerely,  
Alma Caldwell  
WG-06, Material Handler  
Medical Division

April 24, 1995

Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am a employee of Defense Depot Memphis. I am very concern not only does this job helps my family but, it others. such as food drives for the needy, blood drives during crises, adapted school program, various motivation classes, Employers for what ever the reason might be that he or she did not graduate Defense Depot Memphis offer them the opportunity to achieve their GED. on a more personal scale our children will be without a lot, and on a more wider scale the city of Memphis will suffer a great loss in economic

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Please Help us all that you can do.

Sincerely,  
O. Moore

4/25/95

To whom it may concern, my job is very important to me. I am a 56 year old single mother of 1. I need my job to make sure my self and well as my child is cared for. I've been here for 5 yrs and have done my jobs to the best of my ability. you say no more welfare which I don't want. but where do I go we here need our jobs just like the other people in the other cities.

21 April 1995

2870 Dumbarton Oaks Drive  
Memphis, TN 38127

Dear Commissioner Kling,

I am an employee at the Memphis Defense Depot now and looking hopely to the future. I trust that your recent visit to our facility and the hearing at Birimingham, Alabama has given you a more encouraged look at what we are capable of and how efficient we are.

Even in disaster we still show just cause against base closure. When the evil and horrifying bombing of the Federal building in Okalahoma City occurred the Memphis Defense Depot was called on and resonded immediately.

We are here in the "Distribution Center of the World" for a reason, as in the past we made the differences. I feel the future is just as important - The differences could be the Memphis Defense Depot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Priscilla M. Collins".

Priscilla J. Miller-Collins

April 20, 1995

Senator Alton Sipple

My name is Dorraine Knight I work at the Defense depot in Memphis, Tenn. I am a 52 year old grandmother. I was hired at the depot through the handicap program. I have Sickle Cell Anemia. Before I started to work for the Defense depot I had a problem holding a job because of health problems. The Defense Dept now provided a job where I can make a living for my family. More people with the illness I have do not like to be thirty years old. I have two daughters that I raised on my own. One is married. One is a premed student. She is also in Navy reserve. I have a eight year old granddaughter that is in my home.

When my daughter when thought her basis training she wrote me how proud she was to be an American. I wrote her back that I felt that way every day I go to work.

Senator Dixon please think about  
all of the sick, and the handicap  
and all people that do not have  
enough time to retire. We will  
need a hard time find other jobs.  
Please do not close Defense depot  
Memphis.

Thank You,  
From an Outstanding  
employee  
Lorraine Foyte

Dear ALAN DIXON,

I am a permanent part time employee working under a handicap program, I thank that they shouldn't do us like that and this job have went a long way from what we have did for it and I hope they do not close it down and it going to be some sick in here. I hope every thing come back out all right and Hope the Defense-Depot in Memphis Tennessee stay open, I hope it turn around and come back to us. It will make me fill good if they let us stay here. I need this job from the bottom of my heart. So please help me keep this job. I appreciate this job. The job is actually good to me. I like all the people that i am around at this job.

This is the Living  
God. Truth  
TRUE LETTER  
Kenneth Carwell

# Document Separator

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April 19, 1995

Dear Mr. Dixon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Defense Depot Memphis, TN. I am an employee of the Defense Depot and would like to make an appeal to you to fight to keep our jobs.

I depend on this job to help my daughter to get a college education. I also need my job because I am presently buying a home in which I thought was the American dream but if I am unemployed with the depot closing, I would not be able to present all of this.

I have been employed long enough to help serve thru Desert Storm, and Desert Shields and always willing and able to serve my country when ever I am called upon to do so. I am pleading to you on behalf of all employees of the Defense Depot Memphis, TN. To please fight to save our jobs.

Yours In Christ  
Luther Anderson

4-18-95

COMMISSIONERS,

I AM PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT D. D. M. T. AND VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUE OF CLOSING THIS INSTALLATION. D. D. M. T. HAS A VERY STRONG BACKGROUND OF BEING A LOGISTICS ASSET IN TIMES OF CRISIS AS WELL AS PEACE, TIME. I FEEL IT HAS A VERY HIGH MILITARY VALUE, AND BELIEVE ~~THE~~ FIGURES AND FACTS WERE MANIPULATED, OR POSSIBLY OVERLOOKED, IN ORDER TO REFLECT NEGATIVELY ON THIS DEPOT. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION ON THIS MATTER.

THANKS

Clifford L. Exley

CLIFFORD L. EXLEY

WG-10 ELECTRICIAN

19 Apr 95

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
ATTN: Senator Dixon  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

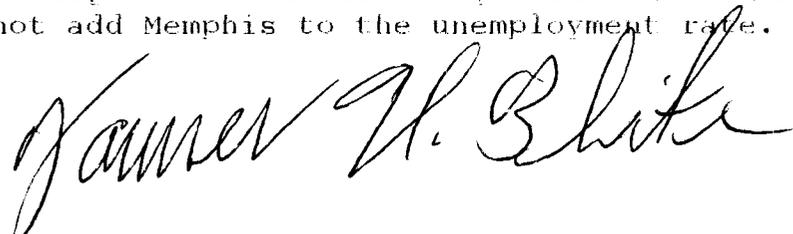
Dear Senator Dixon:

I would implore you to make every effort and to use every resource available to you to stop the closure of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis (DDMT), which was recommended by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC).

I am a 56 year old male. You must understand that at my age, it will be next to impossible to find gainful employment. I only have 15 years federal service, not enough to retire. Private industry is hesitate to hire the more mature person. If I am hired in the private industry, I am sure it will be for minimum wage or less and probably an unskilled position. I have employable skills, but at my age no one would hire me. This job is very important to me and I enjoy servicing my country at the civilian level.

Closing this depot would effort many businesses in Memphis. Please do not add Memphis to the unemployment rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James H. White". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

James H. White

June 29, 1995

TO MR DIXON

my name is James Robinson, I am an  
Employee at the Defense Depot IN Memphis,  
I have been an Employee here for 16 years,  
I have enjoyed working here. I have also  
enjoyed serving my country when I was  
needed. I have a wife and 2 childrens  
That depend on me + for fifteen years  
have been proud of me being a Depot Employee  
Here IN Memphis there are not many jobs  
already, and closing The Defense Depot will  
only make our matter here IN Memphis  
worse. This Depot in Memphis is in  
good location for distribution, and because  
of this we have been able to serve  
our country with supplies with less  
time than other Depots. Please Help  
us in any manner you can, we  
will appreciate your help

James Robinson

April 20, 1995

Dear Mr Dixon,

my Name is Barbara Butler, I am  
a Defense Depot employee. I have worked  
here at the Depot for fourteen years. I  
am 49 years old. I have two children,  
my husband was killed in Viet Nam in  
1968. I was very grateful to be hired  
here at the Depot. Being a employee  
here helped me to be able to be the  
mother I want to be for my kids, being  
~~the~~ the only parent they had, Jerome was  
very important. We had a better living  
because of my employment here. During  
my time here we have supplied many  
messes, and even disasters due to  
dangerous weather. Please Reconsider

Thank you  
Mrs. Barbara Butler

ATTN: SENATOR ALLAN DIXON

THE CLOSING OF ANY FEDERAL INSTALLATION IN ANY STATE, AT A TIME WHEN THE WORLD IS IN SUCH A VOLATILE STATE, REDUCING OUR CAPABILITY TO RESPOND IS SENSE-LESS. THE FEDERAL GOV. SHOULD BE FOR FULL-EMPLOYMENT NOT UNDER-EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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A FEELING OF BETRAYAL

VIET-NAM ERA - Alfonso Williams  
DLA MEMPHIS  
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James Gordon Jones  
3511 Rockwood Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38122  
(901) 458-8466

April 17, 1995

Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

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This is our message "The Handicap as well as all Americans need the Memphis Defense Depot and the Memphis Defense Depot needs us". Together we make America stronger in time of war and peace...THIS IS THE AMERICAN WAY!

Respectfully,

*James Gordon Jones*

Sandra E. Underwood  
5949 E. Point Dr. Apt 3  
Memphis Tenn. 38115

Senator Dixon,

I am a 45 year old single parent. I have 21 years of government service. I would like for you to please reconsider closing the Defense Depot Memphis. Why ? Because at my age it would be almost impossible to find a job that would give me the benefits that I have now. In trying to find a part time job to help out after my divorce, it was a total flop. They never gave a reason. They only stated that they would be calling me. Which they never did. I also have a 13 year old son that is totally dependent on me. Being a black female it is already hard raising a young black male. I was on the welfare 28 years ago and never want to go back that direction again. It may not seem like it but there are black people that want the necessities for their children, without doing anything wrong to get them. But by working hard. I have raised 3 children while working at the Depot and I would like to keep my job long enough to raise my last son and retire. So Senator Dixon would you please reconsider the closing of DDMT. From the bottom of my heart I thank you. My son and my future rest in your hands.

Thanking You In Advance,

*Sandra E. Underwood*  
Sandra E. Underwood

5456 McGill Rd.  
Memphis, Tn. 38120  
April 19, 1995

Senator Alan Dixon  
Defense Base Closure And Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street Suite 1425  
Arlington, Va. 22209  
703-699-0504

Dear Sir:

We, the employees of DDMT would appreciate your consideration and positive evaluation concerning The Defense Depot Memphis, Tn.. The closing of the depot would have a very negative effect on me. It would alter my ability to meet my mortgage payments, car notes, utility expenses, medical bills, insurance payments, grocery bills, and all other expenses.

The closing of this defense base, as well as others could and conceivably will have a disastrous effect on The U.S.A.. We are aware that the political nature of our world is changing and we don't want to act to suddenly.

I much rather be a taxpayer than a receiver and have a sense of security for myself and my co-workers, as well as for our country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*William M. Edall*  
William M. Edall

*Memphis*

Andrew Miller  
3030 Caffey St.  
Hernando, MS 38632  
Employee Action Committee

Dear Commissioner Robles,

As a former military leader and veteran of Desert Shield/Storm you are aware that a strong defense is essential to our country. We at the Defense Depot Memphis feel that in the past and in the future we will be an important part of our defense structure. Our 53 year history of supporting our military in all it's efforts bear witness to the fact that we are now and should remain part of this structure.

As a member of the BRAC commission you are well aware of all the facts that we have presented in our effort to remove Memphis from the closure list. We at the Defense Depot Memphis wish to extend to you an invitation to personally inspect our Depot. We feel with your military background you would be best able to judge for yourself this site.

We are proud of our history in support of the United States military missions and we would welcome the chance for you, with your military expertise, to come to Memphis and relay your judgments to the other members of the commission. Your assistance in this matter would be deeply appreciated. **Point of contact to respond to this request is Mr. Andrew Miller, 3030 Caffey Street, Hernando, MS 38632.**

Thanking You,

*Andrew Miller*  
Andrew Miller

ATT. Chairman ALAN DIXON

Memphis  
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If Defense Depot Closes. It means, I am without a job. I am hired under the Handicapped law. That fill that it would be difficult for me to find a future employment. I am trying to live a independent life. Without a job. It would be impossible. I might have to go under government assistance.

Sincerely Yours,  
Laura Randolph

Honorable Allen Dixon  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

Memphis  
4-78  
April 24, 1995

Dear Senator Dixon,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed closure of the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN. I have been employed at this facility since July of 1992. I was originally employed at Chanute AFB, IL from 1983 until I was placed here under the priority placement program when that installation was closed. My purpose in writing to you is not to complain, I well understand the reasons for closing unneeded installations, I am writing to ask you and the members of the Commission to look very hard at the process that was used by the Personnel in charge of Defense Logistics agency to select their installations for closure. I well remember the way Chanute AFB, IL was selected for closure and I feel the same procedures were applied to selection of this Depot for closure. This Depot has always met its quotas imposed by DLA and in my opinion far exceeded them. This Depot has always ranked much higher in the scoring process than many of those that are being left open. We here are at a loss to fathom why we were selected for closure and others less

productive that we are are allowed to remain open. Again, all I ask is for a fair and honest appraisal of our accomplishments and the fine job we have done in the time of Crisis, getting the material and supplies to our troops so they can perform their mission with a minimum of delay. I thank you for your fair and honest consideration when you review our record. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely

Michael W. Mater  
4079 Beauchamp Cove  
Memphis, TN 38118

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SD 015

Memphis

Honorable Bill Clinton  
The White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500-2006

March 30, 1995

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing in reference to the recent decision to close the Defense Distribution Depot Memphis (DDMT). My name is Susan M. Halpenny and I work in Quality Assurance in the Subsistence section of the Defense Depot. DDMT has provided many of the essential supplies needed to fulfill the missions for which we have been called upon to do for this community, the country and world. DDMT has provided food, clothing and much needed medical supplies during Desert Shield/Storm, Haiti, Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), U.S. Disaster Mission in Florida, Humanitarian Assistance Program, and El Salvador.

I think our efficiency in handling the work loads at these times will stand alone as evidence to the effectiveness and mission of Defense Depot Memphis. As an example, in 1991 during Desert Storm, the Defense Depot Memphis received in, an average of 56,843,953 pounds per day of semi-perishable food and shipped out 25,896,4666 pounds per day in the first six months of that year. During Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, the Defense Depot Memphis shipped out over 19,080 pallets or 3,816,000 rations to Somalia. These figures are an example of the importance of DDMT and how crucial are support was at these critical times. The real question is how well could the military have operated without the support of DDMT? I believe it would have made it extremely difficult to handle the quantities of product in order to fulfill the mission.

I believe the Defense Depot Memphis was maneuvered into a position that would make it vulnerable to closure. Several years ago, the finance center for DDMT was moved to Columbus, Ohio. Not long after that, a tenant organization located on the depot called Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center; often referred to as "DIPEC"; was also moved. DIPEC controlled the purchasing of all industrial equipment for all the military. These and others were moves that I don't believe were necessary other than to make the depot vulnerable to closure. I would like to ask the question of how Memphis was targeted for closure long before the BRACC was ever started. This was a biased decision that I believe should be investigated.

Many others along with myself will be put into a hardship situation because of this biased decision against Defense Depot Memphis. We want the injustice stopped before the damage is irreversible. Your efforts in reversing this decision will be closely observed by your constituents.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Halpenny

# Coalition of 100 Black Women

Memphis <sup>DD</sup> 4/17

April 11, 1995

The Honorable Allen Dixon, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore, Suite 1425  
Alexandria, Virginia 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Coalition of 100 Black Women - Memphis Chapter is concerned about the proposed closure of the Memphis Defense Distribution Depot and the affect its closure would have on the Memphis community.

After considerable research we determined that the Memphis Defense Distribution Depot is one of the most cost effective and valuable military supply facilities.

The depot has access to one of the best transportation infrastructures in the nation. It has proven its strategic importance during its participation in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Just Cause, Restore Democracy, Restore Hope and Southern Watch. Most recently, the depot was designated as the primary facility for Operation Bright Star in Southwest Asia.

For over 50 years, the depot has been a source of economic stability for the citizens of Memphis. The depot's importance as a leading employer has increased as companies have closed or moved out of the city.

Our membership includes African American women who are diverse in terms of background, economic status and political persuasion. Many of us have made conscious decisions to raise our families here even when other venues have beacons. Given the devastation that the closure would cause, we implore you to revisit the decision to close this facility.

Respectfully yours,



Dorothy Wright  
Political Action Chairperson  
Coalition of 100 Black Women

Enclosure

# Coalition of 100 Black Women

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Gnette Bolton Harris  
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Gasta Brown  
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Betty Kesser  
Lula Williams  
Ruby Brock  
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James Gordon Jones  
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April 17, 1995

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Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425  
Arlington, VA 22209

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Respectfully,

*James Gordon Jones*

Memphis

4-21-45

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the DNTT, I  
would like to say, I take  
pride and dedication in my  
job performance. I have  
Twenty years of service.

Thank you,

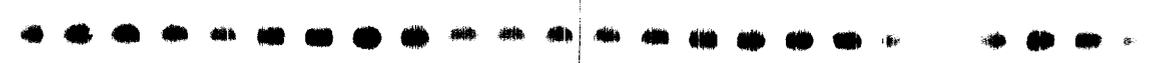
Brenda Wilburn

Dear Sir:  
 As a former military member and General Officer, you contain that you are aware of the importance of logistical support in the field. We leave at the defense report files are likewise extremely names of our role in providing the military missions in the field with what they need, when they need it and when they need it. We've been able to do this for many years. Most recently we demonstrated our military capability during the Desert Storm/Desert Operations. We were primary in the "B" matters operations. This mission

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was first offered to the Depots  
in the east, but frankly said  
they couldn't handle it. The  
53b was given to us, we did the  
53b so well that DLA sent in  
representatives from other Depots  
to see just how we were able to  
EXPLAIN to recipients such a  
mission in the minimum amount of  
time. We have the wall free all  
the time, to give site location  
to support the military without reservation.  
We decide to fight on provide humanitarian  
aid. It's not logical to close your  
number one depot. DLA did not  
have had in their evaluation of  
Depot Managers, the wall capacity  
enough to be a Region with 83, and  
now we're trying to stay open.  
Does it not make sense to have a  
MAJOR Supply Depot in the heart of

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Sincerely,  
Askin Payne  
USAF RPT (MST)  
1797 Euclid Ave  
Memphis TN 38114-1608

What is nationally known as  
America's Disturbance Center. ASIC  
Hall (Text) Smith why he  
located the Superfund in Memphis.  
Please come and visit and see  
first hand what we made to other  
as a viable military logistical  
support base. Please visit the  
Hall Districts as to how the new  
in the RPT Discourse list.

Point to the considerations of BME  
the Memphis Dept was made by

I can only imagine the basic part  
you have before you and from fellow  
commissioners. The old saying, "if  
it ain't broke don't fix it." The  
Defense Dept Memphis has been a part  
of the Dept of Defense logistical support  
system for a very long time... Now  
during this time it was played a  
most vital role in support of our  
men and women who have served  
their nation in World War II!

Dear Sir:

Defense Base Closure and Realignment  
Commission (BRAC)  
ATTN: Chm. Alan Dixon

20 April 95

all accounted to be the number one  
Report within DLA. However, it  
appears now that we have no  
military value as a Distribution Center.  
How soon DLA forget our role  
in Desert Storm/Strike operations.  
Our Mission is that operation was  
first given to other depots, but they  
declined because they could not  
have had their the work force in  
time to meet the requirements of the  
Military Branches. The Mission was  
then given to the Defense Depot Mgrs.  
We performed the job with the utmost  
proficiency to the point that other  
DLA depots were sent here to learn  
what we already knew... how to do  
the job.

We feel that we have been unfairly  
treated by DLA HQ...  
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Sincerely,  
1742 Curtis Ave. #103  
1742 Curtis Ave. #103

When making how efficient  
your decision is. I would  
like to extend the invitation  
to you and may of your staff  
to visit and receive first hand  
knowledge of Defense Dept Memphis.  
We are V. hot and critical to  
the military services. Please  
check our data ask the bank  
questions. DLA HQ is not being  
fair. We are located in the  
heart of Americas Distribution Center.  
Less than 5 miles from the Tennessee  
Airport. Less than 5 miles a military  
logistical installation. In ANG with  
0-141 Aircraft assigned. I've seen  
you on CNN, I think you'll be from  
it you are given the facts, come  
visit us. 1st in the world 1st in  
the world

Willie Abram  
950 Cullenwood  
Memphis TN 38116  
April 17 1995

Chairman Alan Dixon  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
1700 North Moore St. Suite 1425  
Arlington Va. 22209  
703-696-0504

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Mr. Alan Dixon Chairman of Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, I (Willie Abram) am an employee of Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee. I work in the Receiving Division at the Defense Depot. As you can guess, I am writing you concerning the possibility of myself and others loosing our jobs at Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee. I feel it would be a mistake to eliminate the location of Memphis from the Defense Logistic Agency's plans for the future defense of our nation. I feel like we have had incredible performances, and have done about everything that was ask of us during times of war and times of national emergencies.

The impact of the loss of jobs due to the closure of Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee would be a disaster for a certain part of Memphis and surrounding communities. I will not point-out the numerous accomplishments and successes we have had over the years. I would rather focus on what Defense Depot Memphis could mean for the future of our country, and that is to help keep this country strong.

Mr. Dixon and members of BRAC Commission, I urge you to please take a closer look at the impact the closure would have on our city, our state, our nation and maybe even the world.

Willie Abram  
Parker: WG-7002-04  
Defense Depot Memphis TN

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To MR. LEE KLING & MEMBERS

From William M. EDALL

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Company U.S. DEFENSE DEPT,

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March 24, 1995

Mr. Lee Kling & Members  
Base Realignment & Closure Commission  
(703) 696-0550

Dear Sir,

This letter is related to the recommended closure of The Defense Depot Memphis, Tn.. We, the employees are concerned about the security of The U.S.A. and our present and future job situations.

Since my employment began at the depot, we have played important roles in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, earthquakes and other disasters in Ca. and Fla., the overthrow of the Panamanian dictator, Noriega, Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the troubles in Granada, El Salvador, Hati, and Somalia. We don't know the future crucial events that most assuredly will arise in our world. These may be due to either man-made troubles or natural disasters.

Memphis is strategically located and has a favorable climate. These factors provide for quick and easy shipments. We also have an excellent employee base from which to choose. This enables easier planning either on a temporary or permanent basis.

Our transportation capabilities are excellent. Some examples are Memphis-based Federal Express, United Parcel Service, M.S. Carriers, Roadway truck lines, Old Dominion truck lines, the railroad system, The Mississippi River, etc.

The closing of the depot would have a negative effect on our local economy. It would cause the anticipated cash flows of our employees to be altered which should cause a multiplier effect in our economy.

We, the listed employees of The Defense Depot Memphis, Tn. would appreciate your review and your positive evaluation. The best offense is a strong defense and we want to continue to strive to make the world a better place in which to live.

May it be known that copies of this letter are being sent to President Wm. Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore Jr., Governor Don-Sundquist, Sen. Wm. Frist, Sen. Fred Thompson, Sec. of Defense-Wm. Perry, Rep. H. Ford, Mayor W. Herenton, Mayor J. Rout, acting-commander Mr. E. Holladay, and Chief W. Vaught.

Sincerely,

*William M. Edall*  
William M. Edall

Employees of Bldg. 689, Defense Depot Memphis, Tn.

Charles W. Weeks

7275 <sup>address</sup> MAGNOLIA Ridge, <sup>38138</sup> ~~Memphis~~

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March 22, 1995

Lee Kling &amp; BRAC Members:

As an American citizen, I am deeply troubled that the U.S. Congress and the present administration is taking drastic measures of closing our military depots, severe cutbacks of military bases, armed forces, and other areas involved in the defense of our country.

Certainly we can all agree that we live in a very insecure world, where at this moment, there is a war or a threat of war somewhere in the world. As you know, the U.S. has earned the respect of other countries by providing military and humanitarian acts for those who can not defend themselves against aggressors. Should history repeat itself, it's just a matter of time before the U.S. will have to deal with another "Viet Nam" or "Desert Storm" situation. Despite the diligent effort of our present administration and congress, we are still unable to have a peaceful world; the least we can do is to be ready to defend ourselves. This is why the U.S. MUST be ready to intercede at a moment's notice. As one wise philosopher stated "When one loses the power to protect itself, then that entity soon becomes non-existence".

I want to address my concerns regarding the closing of defense depots and their important contributions; and in particular, the Memphis Defense Depot for which I and many others are concerned by the pending closing. The Memphis Defense Depot has been meeting the challenge of providing immediate assistance to those who are victims of war and of national disasters. I would hate to think that we, as a nation, could lose the resources the depot provides to those in the military as we are the "backbone" of our military resources. When we do our job well, we make it easier for those on the front lines to do their job. We are their "CARE" package.

The Memphis Defense Depot is centrally located. This is an important factor considering the many natural disasters that have struck America in the last few years. Memphis's transportation systems rate among the best in the world, not to mention the title of "distribution center of America". This is critical when time is of the essence. The Defense Depot along with the American Red Cross is our major disaster insurance and reassurance policy holder. The Memphis Defense Depot remains strong in its commitment to serve its community and country.

Besides providing military and humanitarian resources, the Defense Depot benefits our economical growth in Memphis. The closing of the Memphis Defense Depot will leave its mark on the city, state, and federal government as many may have to rely on government aid in order to survive. During this time of economical difficulties, it will be almost impossible for workers to find other comparable positions in the Memphis area. Other companies will be negatively affected by the closing of our depot or by drastic reduction in force because they too depend on us.

It is my hope that you will re-evaluate the need of keeping the Memphis Defense Depot operations active. I respectfully remind you of some of its important attributes: Memphis's centralized location, its efficiency in quality control, its active transportation systems, its humanitarian efforts, its community involvement, its economical support, its Red Cross involvement, and the fact that it a government owned facility. So much more could be said in its defense; however, I will close with the same quote that I started this letter, "When one loses the power to protect itself, then that entity soon becomes non-existent"

Respectfully,

*James Gordon Jones*  
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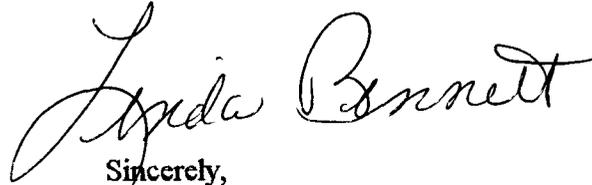
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I Dear Chairman Dixon II  
My name is Nathaniel  
Houston and I am writing  
this note to ask that you  
give our Memphis Defense  
Depot every consideration  
of staying open and serving  
our service personnel like  
we have in the past  
Thank You

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

Memphis  
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I know you have a job to do but I hope that you look at all the information that the Depot, Memphis has given you and study the facts and see for yourselves that the Defense Depot in Memphis has always come through when they were needed in a time of crisis. Their efforts have been outstanding I know for myself that people out here would work on their own time to get food and supplies out to our soldiers and for people in need. The location is the best as far as getting supplies out so please I ask you again to study the information and please make a discussion that you know is the right one. Their are peoples jobs and lives at stake here not just closing a Base!!!.



Sincerely,  
LINDA F. BENNETT