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

Dear Mr. Dixon, and Members of the 95 BRAC Commission,

I am a Federal Employee with 16 years of service at Defense Depot Ogden. From the 1st day on the job I heard numerous employees from DDO, other Depot's and DLA Headquarters refer to DDOU as the #1 Depot because of their above average education and work ethics. The first 5 or so years I didn't really understand exactly what it meant or what had to be accomplished to be known as #1 depot in DLA. I soon learned what standards had to be met to deserve such a title. The last 11 years I have had the opportunity to work with our customers and all levels of Command from other Depots and DLA Headquarters. To this day they still refer to DDO as the #1 Depot, and can not believe we were even considered for closure.

In 1979 DDO was being looked at for closure. A group representing DDO attended the congressional hearing questioning the statistics DDO was being judged on. As you know DDO proved their statistics were correct. That made a few people at DLA Hqs look awfully stupid. Well, some are still employed at DLA Hqs, but now they are the ones holding the top level positions. I know you have heard about the vendetta certain employees still carry with them. Their feelings toward DDO have never been a secret to us. I guess you could say we were all just a little naive in believing that truth would prevail; along with our outstanding reputation of doing the bestwork, at the least cost.

Maybe I have been given the incorrect definition on what BRAC is supposed to accomplish. I thought it was to save tax payers money, not line the pockets of certain influential politicians. I can only hope and pray that someday, someone with political power will stand-up for what's best for this great country and NOT just for the state they represent. It's time for them to wake up and realize it has always and will continue to depend on all 50 states support and unity to keep The United States of America the land of the free. Decisions like the ones you have been appointed to make should be based SOLELY on what is best for ALL of America.

You stated on the news the reason other bases were added to the list was so all could be studied equally and it does not mean they will be closed. So my question to you Sir, is why was Defense Depot Tracy and Sharpe Army Depot added to the list for study, then taken off (after 2:00 AM the morning of 10 May 95)? If all of you could not agree on adding them or not, that would prove to me some additional studying needed to be accomplished before a final decision could be made. Employees from DDO have received letters and cards from you stating all bases would be studied equally. Several BRAC Commissioners told Rep. Jim Hansen they would look carefully at Mike Pavich's claim, that closing Sharpe Army Depot instead of DDOU would increase the military value 100%. Would you please explain to me how you intend to study Tracy and Sharpe when they aren't on the list. Even if you only believed part of Mr. Pavich's brief that should have been more than enough to recognize those two facilities needed to be added for study. Remember what the minutes stated on two separate occasions at a meeting held at DLA Headquarters; San Joaquin and Susquahanna Depots are NOT to be considered for closure.

As an American Citizen I implore you to adhere to the true meaning of what BRAC is to accomplish. Please prove to the American people, decisions like these will be based on what is in the best interest of all the American people, not just the politicians. Show us that not everybody can be bought to vote in their favor. Americans need to be reassured, especially in this day and age, that our Government Officials still stand for TRUTH, HONOR, and LOYALTY TO ALL!!!!!

Sincerely,

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# STATE MAY BE SPARED NEW BASE CLOSINGS

## *California seen vital to Clinton re-election*

By OTTO KREISHER
Copley News Service

The Clinton administration wants to shield California from the final round of military base closures next year because the state is considered essential to the president's re-election, according to Pentagon and base closure commission sources.

If the administration succeeds, it would be good news for California officials, who have been trying to protect the state from a devastating last round of closures.

Some military officials had estimated that the state could lose as many defense installations in the coming round as it did in the three previous rounds combined. But now sources say the administration wants all California facilities off-limits during the next base-closing effort.

Past and present commission aides expressed concern that any effort to exempt California would blatantly politicize a painful process that generally has been accepted because it was perceived as fair and nonpartisan.

"They're going to walk into a minefield if they do that," a commission aide warned yesterday.

A White House spokesman denied there was any attempt to add political considerations to the process, and a Pentagon spokesman repeated Defense Secretary William Perry's declaration that the services must shed unneeded bases to live within tight future budgets.

However, a former aide to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission said people still involved in the process tell him next year's round "is likely to be the most politicized . . . to date."

Clinton cannot allow anything to close in California "for election reasons," the source said.

California's 54 electoral votes are 20 percent of what will be needed for victory in the 1996 presidential election.

"Consequently, everything in California is reported to be off-limits," the source said.

The current commission aide and a Pentagon official involved in the closing process said they have heard that the White House wants to prevent further economic punishment to California, which had 22 major bases and many smaller facilities on previous closure lists.

If true, the White House's political concerns could protect several major California installations that are prime candidates for closure based on past actions and Perry's stated priorities for next year's round.

Because Perry stressed cutting industrial facilities, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and the aviation repair depots at North Island Naval Air Station and McClellan Air Force Base are at the top of that list of endangered bases.

All three were studied by the 1993 commission, but then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin removed McClellan from the Air Force's recommendations, citing the cumulative economic impact on California.

Other San Diego area facilities considered candidates for closurenext year are the submarine base at Ballast Point, the Marine Corps RecruitDepot and any of the Navy research and engineering laboratories, such as theNaval Electronic Engineering Center and the Naval Ocean Systems Center.

Two of the sources said Perry has visited McClellan twice in recent months and touted the virtues of the massive depot.

"He said things he shouldn't have said," the Pentagon official said of Perry.

Clinton also has visited the Sacramento-area base twice in the last year, declaring on a May 22 stop that McClellan "plays a special role" in the Defense Department's post-Cold War transition.

The current commission aide noted that Aspin's effort to save McClellan drew considerable criticism because it was seen as a political favor to Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Sacramento. Any attempt to shield all California bases would be even more controversial, he said.

"It's a little disconcerting to us," the aide said. "I don't know how you draw the criteria to permit that."

Under the law that created the commission process, every base must be considered for closure in light of the expected force structure, he said.

Cumulative economic impact is not one of the legal criteria the services can use to save a base, the aide said.

He also wondered how the California bases could be protected from consideration by the commission members, whose predecessors have shown great independence in examining facilities not on the Pentagon's lists.

One of the sources said the president hopes to avoid that by putting a number of loyal Democrats on next year's commission to ensure that political factors are considered.

The sources said people being considered include former Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill.; former Reps. Tom Downey, D-N.Y., and Beverly Byron, D-Md.; Susan Livingston, a former assistant Army secretary for installations; retired Air Force Gen. H.T. Johnson; and retired Navy Capt. Peter Bowman, both former commissioners.

Dixon and Downey supposedly are being considered for the chairmanship of the eight-member commission.

Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, reportedly is the choice of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who gets one nominee. House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., also would get one nominee.

FAIR? → minefield!!

TAKEN from DLA BRAC Executive Minutes 4 Feb 94 - 4 Oct 94



# STAND-ALONE DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS

## FOCUS

- FACILITIZED TO SUPPORT WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION IN PEACETIME OR WARTIME
  - » Right Facilities in Right Locations
  - » Capacity (Storage & Thruput)
  - » Lowest Infrastructure Costs
  - » Excess Capacity
- STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AND FACILITIZED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONAL READINESS WORLDWIDE
  - » Contingencies
  - » Emergencies



Close Hold

NOT Recommended for BRAC 95 study

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# Activities Not Recommended by BRACEG for BRAC 95 Study/Review

## ICPs

DFSC
DNSC

## DCMDs

DCMDC
DCMDM
DCMCI

## REGIONAL HQ

UNDECIDED

## SERVICE/SUPPORT

DASC

## STAND-ALONE DEPOTS

SAN JOAQUIN (TRACY/SHARPE)
SUSQUEHANNA (MECHANICSBURG/ NEW CUMBERLAND)

## COLLOCATED DEPOTS

CHARLESTON
TOOELE
PENSACOLA
OAKLAND
SACRAMENTO

Source: BRAC Executive Minutes 4 Feb 94 - 4 Oct 94

Please, Don't ignore these.

# MINUTES OF DLA's BRAC EXECUTIVE GROUP ★

## April 1994:

"We need to insure the concept of operations is well crafted so it fully supports our BRAC '95 decisions."

## Decisions Reached:

"Primary Distribution Sites (PDS's) at San Joaquin (Tracy and Sharpe facilities) and Susquehanna (Mechanicsburg and New Cumberland facilities) will not be reviewed in BRAC '95."

## August 1994:

"The Distribution Concept of Operations was changed to remove any appearance of pre-decision about the location of the primary distribution sites."

Peat MARWICK Study

# Data Comparability (cont.)

- Excluding these costs from the calculation of unit cost for other mission stock would show the following:

| | DDJC | | DDOU | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mission Total Costs | $96,500,000 | | $40,450,000 | |
| Less: Costs of Other Comparables | 3,080,000 | 93,420,000 | 740,000 | 39,710,000 |
| Total Mission Work Counts | 3,530,198 | | 1,988,352 | |
| Less: Work Counts of Other Comparables | 101,223 | 3,428,975 | 33,351 | 1,955,001 |
| Revised Unit Cost | | $27.24 | | $20.31 |
| Total Mission Unit Cost | | $27.34 | | $20.34 |
| **Difference** | | **$00.10** | | **$00.03** |

- We determined that the impact of hard-to-handle items was negligible in terms of comparability, hence these items were included as part of the comparable depot missions

Peat Marwick Study

# Data Comparability (cont.)

- We investigated the possibility of isolating the hard-to-handle items. These items would have the following estimated unit cost in aggregate:

| | DDJC | DDOU |
|---|---|---|
| Estimated fully absorbed cost | $3,080,000 | $740,000 |
| Estimated Work Counts | 101,223 | 33,351 |
| | $30.43 | $22.19 |

- DDSP was unable to provide us with an estimate of the costs of their hard to handle items.

5. KPMG also reviewed the regional depreciation allocation methodologies

- The cost of an asset is one of the costs of the services it renders during its useful economic life. GAAP requires that this cost be spread over the expected useful life of the asset in such a way as to allocate it as equitably as possible to the periods during which services are obtained from the use of the asset. This procedure is known as **depreciation accounting**, a system of accounting that aims to distribute the cost or the basic value of tangible assets in a systematic and rational manner. [ARB43, ch9C, ¶5].

- A large complex commercial organization will calculate depreciation for each separate busines unit. For example, General Motors would evaluate the Pontiac division's operation vis a vis the Chevrolet division, including depreciation in the operating results for each division. Likewise, Pontiac would record depreciation at each of its separate locations individually.

source: BRAC Executive Minutes
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MATERIAL MANAGEMENT - DISTRIBUTION
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

VISION

This document summarizes our concept of distribution operations from the present time through FY 2001. As stated in our Strategic Plan, our goals are:

* Warfighting/Contingency Support
* Best Value Distribution
* Modern Workplace
* Accurate Inventory
* Well-Trained Workforce

TURNING OUR VISION INTO REALITY

To achieve the goals in our strategic plan, we must consider facility requirements as outlined in enclosure 1 and also address a number of other related factors:

WARFIGHTING/CONTINGENCY SUPPORT

As a combat support agency, we must be ready to respond to the surge in business associated with mobilization from peacetime operations to wartime operations. Our distribution system must be able to support the two Major Regional Conflicts envisioned in the Defense Guidance. In view of the unique capabilities of our two PDS's, these facilities are an integral part of our

distribution system's warfighting/contingency support capabilities. In wartime, we must have the capability to accept direct vendor delivery items from suppliers and forward them to deployed/deploying units when the vendor is unable to complete delivery directly to the customer. We must also have the capability to handle the accelerated fielding of new weapon systems and other items through our distribution sites. It will also be necessary for us to retain some facilities for storage of war reserve material and slow-moving stock held for wartime or emergent requirements. While normally relatively inactive, these warehouse sites must have the thruput capacity to quickly issue material in response to mobilization requirements.

BEST VALUE DISTRIBUTION

We must provide distribution services to standard while reducing costs and passing the savings on to customers. The concept of operations (for BRAC purposes) is built around the wholesale depots transferred to DLA in DMRD 902. Optimizing around the use of existing sites is the principle behind the concept of operations due to force reduction and the contraction of the depot capacity. This will be accomplished by aggressive cost containment measures, business process improvements, and a discrete pricing system. Costs will be collected by various categories of work including on/off base issues. Charges

overseas bases, redistribution of DLA owned CIT material currently stored at non-DLA sites, and the requirement to provide distribution services to an expanded customer base. Hazardous material, subsistence and other specialized commodities will be stored in the minimum number of depots where conforming storage is available. Construction of new specialized warehouses will be minimized to those cases where cost benefit analysis shows clear advantage. The net result of the puts and takes may be that an existing depot(s) is no longer required for its thruput, but must be retained for its storage capacity. The mix of storage capacity owned by the government and that leased from the private sector will be based on cost and military essentiality.

* STOCK POSITIONING

Distribution facilities will be provided to support the emerging stock positioning policy. Where demand patterns so indicate material will be stocked in close proximity to customers, especially at collocated facilities. General use items will be stocked in high thruput storage facilities, one Not Necessarily PDS in the east and one PDS in the west. Specialized items will be stored and handled at sites where conforming or specialized storage and a specially trained workforce exists. Slow moving items will be stored at locations where the combination of storage and transportation costs is most beneficial. This

stockage policy, known as "best value", will also result in reduced costs and retention of those capabilities needed to support two major regional contingencies.

MODERN WORKPLACE

Modernization of our facilities is important as they must keep pace with the times. This includes planned replacement of old facilities and upgrades (such as better lighting, better storage aids, greater density of storage, more efficient heating/cooling systems, etc.) to existing facilities.* We should give preference to our more modern facilities whose efficiencies contribute to higher productivity and lower cost. DDOU has latest technology Sharpe has DDO's old system that isn't working!

As the force structure decreases and combatant commands are structured for increasingly diverse missions, the distribution system must be adapted to provide a wide range of services tailored to customer needs. Examples of this include positioning of stock at depots to better satisfy demand at maintenance activities, use of all storage facilities by all inventory control points, providing visibility of in-transit assets, reducing delivery times, providing dedicated delivery service, customizing packaging and customizing order processing. Providing customized service in a cost effective manner

requires immediate access to information about stock availability, storage and thruput capacities, and discrete cost data. Information requirements to support customized service will be provided by the Distribution Standard System (DSS). DSS, which will be fielded over the next three years, will also standardize performance reporting and facilitate cost reducing business process improvements.

## ACCURATE INVENTORY

Inventory accuracy is essential to an effective and efficient distribution system. We have an ongoing program to measure inventory accuracy and to correct for inaccuracies created by the interaction of personnel with automated systems. We will be implementing Approved MILSTRAP Change Letter 8 (AMCL-8), which transfers accountability of material stored at depots from the inventory control points to the depots. Implementation of DSS and the proper storage of material will contribute to improved inventory accuracy.

## WELL TRAINED WORKFORCE

A depot workforce whose knowledge, skills, and abilities more closely matches the demands placed upon them will contribute to a more effective and efficient distribution system - one which operates at a lower cost. DLA is now the

employer of the majority of DoD's distribution professionals. We are developing a training program to empower these employees to do better work and to support the logical progression of a career in distribution. Certain commodities (such as hazardous materials, subsistence, clothing & textiles, etc.) require certain special skills. A skilled workforce, combined with the proper facilities for distribution of these commodities, is a combination which yields cheaper better distribution. Any consideration of transferring a specialized mission to another location must consider the workforce skills at the new location in addition to the facilities at the new location. The cost of properly training personnel at the proposed new site of a specialized mission may be a significant expense. DDO has a trained skilled workforce to handle hazardous. Why move it + incure the cost of training a new workforce!!

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Over the years DDOU has been the "testing" depot for many new computer systems for DLA and DoD. MOWASP, DWASP, and other systems such as DSS currently being tested, have been perfected at DDOU and implemented throughout the U.S. defense system.

DDOU was the test facility for DLA's Model Installation Program and depot employee suggestions saved U.S. taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect. The depot received the prestigious DLA Model Installation Award for six consecutive years and was the only DLA depot to receive that award.

It doesn't seem to make good business sense to close a depot which has a conscientious, dependable workforce, has proven cost effective to operate, is easily accessible to highway, rail, and air shipping, has upgraded storage facilities, and also has expansion space available.

The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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I am supporting DDO to be taken off the base closure list. It make sense for our country's defense & it's a money saver for our tappayers. Afterall, isn't this the purpose of the work that goes on in Washington D.C.?

Thank you,

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ATTN: Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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SUBJECT: Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU) Merits Reconsideration

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Please distribute the enclosed letters to all BRAC Commission Members. Thank you.

As a former employee of DDOU, I am writing to beseech you to obtain the full data about DDOU, and not just consider the very biased misinformation presented by Defense Distribution Depot Region West (DDRW) and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). DDOU has a better over-all record than any other distribution depot in DLA, and has been the top competitor of Defense Distribution Depot Tracy (DDTC) for years. Because of DDOU's outstanding record, it was allowed to stand alone and not be consolidated under Defense Distribution Region West (DDRW) in 1991. DDRW (DDTC) maneuvered to change this decision and succeeded in 1993. Ever since then, they have caused many organizational, supply requisitioning, and personnel problems to lower morale and disrupt mission capabilities by imposing unreasonable policies and procedures. DDOU's autonomy has been taken away! Permission from DDRW must be obtained to accept reimbursable jobs, award contracts for repairs or maintenance on equipment, and buy supplies, thereby, wasting valuable time and increasing expenses.

Please consider the following facts:

1. In an independent study of all DLA depots, conducted by Peat Marwick Associates in 1993, ***DDOU is clearly identified as the depot that "represents the wisest use of taxpayer dollars" and provides the best service*** of any depot in the entire nation. (DDO's unit cost is $21.45)

2. DDOU has the best transportation facilities available in the country:
   - It is only 12 freeway miles from Hill Air Force Base.
   - It is 30 freeway miles from the Salt Lake International Airport (please note copy of April 28, 1995 newspaper item concerning special request by UN).
   - DDO still has a ***useable*** rail system intact, and is on a main artery for rail transportation.
   - It is at the crossroads of major interstate highways. Traffic congestion is minimal, especially in comparison to the clogged highways of California.
   - It is cheaper to transport military supplies that DDO provides from Utah to California than it is to transport material from one point in California to another. Look at interstate tariffs.

3. It was a ***military, not political, decision*** that determined Ogden, Utah as the ideal western inland site for a large distribution center.

4. DDO received the Commander-in-Chief's Award for excellent installations in 1987.

5. DDO has the ***only*** facility that assembles and tests the ***Deployable Medical System (mobile hospital units)***, which are shipped all over the world in times of war or conflicts and crisis. DDO was nominated for Center of Excellence by the Surgeon General of the Army for its mission with the medical unit.

6. DDOU has been reported year after year to be the lowest-cost depot in DoD while continuing to be number 1 in customer service. Example: DDOU's cost to refurbish a gas cylinder is $31.15 compared to Defense Distribution Depot Richmond VA.'s cost of $59.

7. The dry climate at DDO is ideal for storing many textile items. Such a low-humidity facility would need to be built at the cost of millions of dollars if these items were relocated to the West Coast.

8. DDOU has been the "depot of choice" selected by many defense service centers when they have been given the opportunity to choose a depot to process their workloads due to excellent customer service, dependability, accuracy, and fast response time.

9. For six years in a row, DDO was No. 1 for DLA's Model Installation Program, saving taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect.

10. DDO has developed, tested and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD.

DDO is and will continue to be of enormous military value. Its unique capabilities, its reputation for efficiency and its strategic location should weigh heavily in its favor. Be sure of the facts so that you are not a party to the political sabotage that placed DDOU on the Base Closure List. If you allow DDOU to be closed, the United States will lose a valuable asset in distributing emergency aid and goods as well as regular stock items, and that loss will be felt the world over (see newspaper article "Defense Depot Ogden's 54-year history").

Sincerely,

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## AT A GLANCE

### DDO ships aid to Rwanda

OGDEN — Defense Depot Ogden shipped out 350 tents to Rwanda aboard a gigantic Russian-built aircraft Thursday.

The tents, weighing 440,000 pounds, were shipped in response to a direct request to the depot by the United Nations.

They were transported to Salt Lake International Airport on Thursday.

DDO officials said the depot's proximity to the Salt Lake airport is a key factor in the Ogden depot's selection to fill the assignment.

[illegible] is the largest cargo plane in the world and can be commandeered to carry a limited number of aircraft.

The United Nations request for the tents is in response to bloodshed that occurred in a clash at a refugee camp.

A week ago, the depot sent 6,007 pairs of surgical gloves and 816 blankets to Oklahoma City to be used in recovery efforts at the bombed federal building.

## Defense Depot Ogden's 54-year history

Defense Depot Ogden has been a fixture in Weber County since World War II. It was activated in 1941 to serve as a supply depot for the U.S. Army and has supplied jobs and community involvement for thousands of workers, war prisoners and members of the community ever since. Here are some of the highlights of its history:

### Support to military

- Residents of Weber County raise $99,632 in 48 hours to help buy the 1,678-acre site and beat out Salt Lake City for the facility. Construction begins in December.
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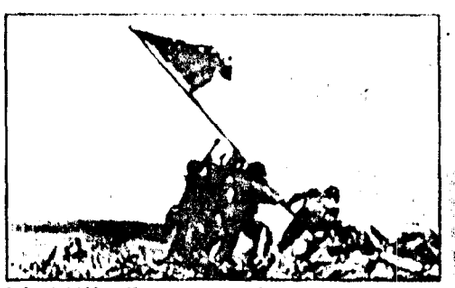

**World War II support, 1941-45**

- After several name changes, the now-Utah General Depot takes a major role in supply for the Korean War.
- [illegible]
- [illegible]

**Vietnam War support, 1964-73**

- Vietnam War
- The defense Systems Automation Center, a major computer program agency, becomes a major tenant of DDO
- [illegible]

**[illegible]**

- DDO named a Department of Defense model installation.
- DDO receives the Commander-in-Chief's award for excellent installations
- Consolidation of DDO and Ogden Air Logistics Center distribution systems is mandated.
- Desert Shield Storm operations in Arabia

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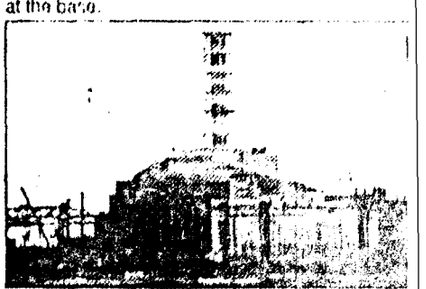
### Support to civilian/humanitarian

- The depot is activated Sept. 15 and is used to store supplies for 500,000 troops.
- Now the Army Services Depot, the base becomes a prisoner-of-war camp. Before war's end, thousands of Germans and Italians will live and work at the base.

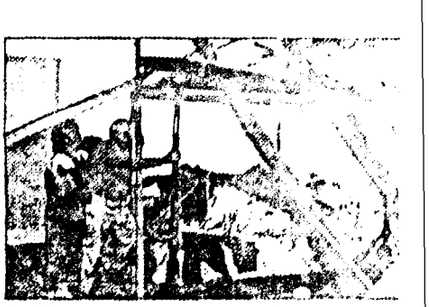


**Chernobyl disaster relief, 1986**

- Depot is officially transferred to the Defense Supply Agency, which became the present Defense Logistics Agency in 1977. Name becomes Defense Depot Ogden.
- Alaska Earthquake

**Hurricane Andrew relief, 1992**

- [illegible] flooding in Idaho
- [illegible] the mission of assembling and [illegible] Deployable Medical System, multi-[illegible] used during Desert Storm
- [illegible] volcanic eruption



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Source: Defense Depot Ogden

2 May 1995

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

SUBJECT: Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU) Merits Reconsideration

Dear BRAC Commission Member:

As a former employee of DDOU, I am writing to beseech you to obtain the full data about DDOU, and not just consider the very biased misinformation presented by Defense Distribution Depot Region West (DDRW) and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). DDOU has a better over-all record than any other distribution depot in DLA, and has been the top competitor of Defense Distribution Depot Tracy (DDTC) for years. Because of DDOU's outstanding record, it was allowed to stand alone and not be consolidated under Defense Distribution Region West (DDRW) in 1991. DDRW (DDTC) maneuvered to change this decision and succeeded in 1993. Ever since then, they have caused many organizational, supply requisitioning, and personnel problems to lower morale and disrupt mission capabilities by imposing unreasonable policies and procedures. DDOU's autonomy has been taken away! Permission from DDRW must be obtained to accept reimbursable jobs, award contracts for repairs or maintenance on equipment, and buy supplies, thereby, wasting valuable time and increasing expenses.

Please consider the following facts:

1. In an independent study of all DLA depots, conducted by Peat Marwick Associates in 1993, ***DDOU is clearly identified as the depot that "represents the wisest use of taxpayer dollars" and provides the best service*** of any depot in the entire nation. (DDO's unit cost is $21.45)

2. DDOU has the best transportation facilities available in the country:
   - It is only 12 freeway miles from Hill Air Force Base.
   - It is 30 freeway miles from the Salt Lake International Airport (please note copy of April 28, 1995 newspaper item concerning special request by UN).
   - DDO still has a ***useable*** rail system intact, and is on a main artery for rail transportation.
   - It is at the crossroads of major interstate highways. Traffic congestion is minimal, especially in comparison to the clogged highways of California.
   - It is cheaper to transport military supplies that DDO provides from Utah to California than it is to transport material from one point in California to another. Look at interstate tariffs.

3. It was a ***military, not political, decision*** that determined Ogden, Utah as the ideal western inland site for a large distribution center.

4. DDO has the ***only*** facility that assembles and tests the ***Deployable Medical System (mobile hospital units)***, which are shipped all over the world in times of war or conflicts and crisis. DDO was nominated for Center of Excellence by the Surgeon General of the Army for its mission with the medical unit.

5. DDO received the Commander-in-Chief's Award for excellent installations in 1987.

6. DDOU has been reported year after year to be the lowest-cost depot in DoD while continuing to be number 1 in customer service. Example: DDOU's cost to refurbish a gas cylinder is $31.15 compared to Defense Distribution Depot Richmond VA.'s cost of $59.

7. The dry climate at DDO is ideal for storing many textile items. Such a low-humidity facility would need to be built at the cost of millions of dollars if these items were relocated to the West Coast.

8. DDOU has been the "depot of choice" selected by many defense service centers when they have been given the opportunity to choose a depot to process their workloads due to excellent customer service, dependability, accuracy, and fast response time.

9. For six years in a row, DDO was No. 1 for DLA's Model Installation Program, saving taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect.

10. DDO has developed, tested and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD.

DDO is and will continue to be of enormous military value. Its unique capabilities, its reputation for efficiency and its strategic location should weigh heavily in its favor. Be sure of the facts so that you are not a party to the political sabotage that placed DDOU on the Base Closure List. If you allow DDOU to be closed, the United States will lose a valuable asset in distributing emergency aid and goods as well as regular stock items, and that loss will be felt the world over (see newspaper article "Defense Depot Ogden's 54-year history").

Sincerely,

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## AT A GLANCE

### DDO ships aid to Rwanda

OGDEN — Defense Depot Ogden shipped out 350 tents to Rwanda aboard a gigantic Russian-built cargo plane Thursday.

The tents, weighing 240,000 pounds, were shipped in response to a direct request to the depot by the United Nations.

They were transported to Salt Lake International Airport on Thursday.

DDO officials said the depot's proximity to the Salt Lake airport is a key factor in the Ogden depot's selection for the assignment.

The AN-124 aircraft is the largest cargo plane in the world and can be accommodated at only a limited number of airports.

The United Nations request for the tents is in response to bloodshed that occurred in a clash at a refugee camp.

A week ago, the depot sent 6,007 pairs of surgical gloves and 818 blankets to Oklahoma City to be used in recovery efforts at the bombed federal building.

# Defense Depot Ogden's 54-year history

Defense Depot Ogden has been a fixture in Weber County since World War II. It was activated in 1941 to serve as a supply depot for the U.S. Army and has supplied jobs and community involvement for thousands of workers, war prisoners and members of the community ever since. Here are some of the highlights of its history:

## Support to military

**1940**

- Residents of Weber County raise $99,632 in 48 hours to help buy the 1,678-acre site and beat out Salt Lake City for the facility. Construction begins in December.
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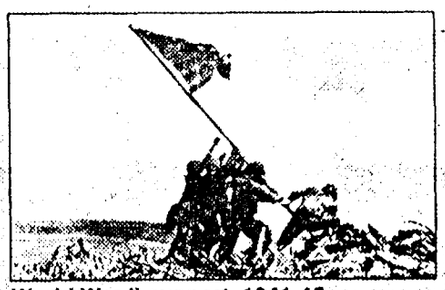
**1945**



World War II support, 1941-45

**1950**

- After several name changes, the now-Utah [illegible] plays a major role in supply for the [illegible]
- [illegible]
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**1955**

**1960**

Vietnam War support, 1964-73

**1965**

- [illegible]
- The defense Systems Automation Center, a major computer program agency, becomes a major tenant of DDO.
- [illegible]

**1970**

**1975**

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**1980**

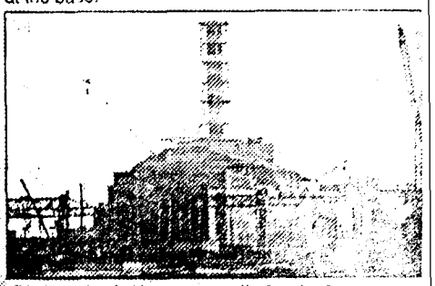
**1985**

- DDO named a Department of Defense model installation.
- DDO receives the Commander-in-Chief's award for excellent installations.
- Consolidation of DDO and Ogden Air Logistics Center distribution systems is mandated.
- Desert Shield/Storm operations in Arabia

**1990**

## Support to civilian/humanitarian

- The depot is activated Sept. 15 and is used to store supplies for 500,000 troops.
- Now the Army Services Depot, the base becomes a prisoner-of-war camp. Before war's end thousands of Germans and Italians will live and work at the base.



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- Depot is officially transferred to the Defense Supply Agency, which became the present Defense Logistics Agency in 1977. Name becomes Defense Depot Ogden.
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Mr. Dixon and Commission members,

This, to me, is one of the main Reasons DDO should be removed from the BRAC list. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely
Billy E. Lindsell
Concerned Citizen

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## Our View

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It made sense to reach out to the distribution center with the quickest, surest response time to get the necessary supplies to Oklahoma City.

A truck trip from Tracy, located in the Oakland Bay area, would be fraught with massive traffic problems.

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Furthermore, if there had been a shortened response time, requiring an airlift, DDO's strategic location would be difficult to beat.

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**– Thomas Erskine**
**Scottish jurist**

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

I agree sometimes with the Standard-Examiner editor. The enclosed editorial is one such time.

For over 30 years I worked as a logistics planner at Hill AFB. We supported wartime taskings in Vietnam and the handful of small military actions since including Desert Storm. Defense Depot Ogden was always able to meet our needs very quickly.

The extra hours of logistics support from DDO was always needed to assure a positive United States outcome.

I remember non-military missions also where DDO was the primary support.

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Sincerely,

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April 11, 1995

The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
Chairman
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Senator:

I am a concerned citizen who resides in the community surrounding the Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU), which has been recommended for closure by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

My understanding of the reasoning behind BRAC actions is a savings in "REAL" dollars for we taxpayers. Based on that understanding, and on what I believe to be DLA's recommendation of moving the bulk of DDOU's workload to DLA's region west headquarters (DDRW or DDJC) in California, I question the logic of moving such an operation as the HAZARDOUS MATERIELS STOCK which is currently located at DDOU.

I understand that DDOU currently generates **OVER 250 TONS** of hazardous materiel per year. I have heard that Utah charges a permit modification fee of $1000.00 and an additional $50.00 per hour as review fees for each instance, where as DDRW would likely have to modify their EPA waste management codes and pay initial processing costs of $25,000.00 *and* $100.00 per hour for review fees for each instance. Please note that DDJC received a total of $19,000.00 in environmental fines and penalties during 1994, where as DDOU received $zero. Further, DDOU expects no fines or penalties during 1995. I am afraid that my poor mathematical skills fail to find **"ANY"** savings in such a proposed move. In fact I find an exceptionally inflated opposite figure.

An added concern is that DDJC is in a "NON-ATTAINMENT REGION" for volatile organic components (VOC) air emissions. The very management of hazardous materiel stocks inherently provides a significant source of VOC air emissions. Consider that California very strictly regulates many hazardous materiels such as used oils, expired shelf-life material, PCB's and much more, where as Utah's restrictions are far less stringent. Utah, specifically DDOU is currently set up as, and operates as a properly regulated hazardous materiel storage site. The proposed receiving depot of DDJC is not. In order for the DDJC depot to be brought up to standards "WITHIN THE LIMITS" of federal AND state laws, the expenditure of further $M's of taxpayer dollars will be required for permits, impact studies, facilities and much more.

Why should we as citizens and taxpayers be required to bear the burden of additional dollars which can be used for other far more important programs such as education, law enforcement,

illegal drug controls, etc? More importantly, why are DLA and DDRW trying to fix something that already works exceptionally well at a far lower current cost?

I certainly hope that you will ask these questions as part of your review process. I for one seriously question the logic behind such a recommendation by DLA and DDRW, as do many of my neighbors.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration on our behalf, and we as a community wish you the very best in your deliberations.

I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service

Sincerely

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Senator Alan J. Dixon
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Dear Senator Dixon:

In a recent issue of the Defense Distribution Region West's news paper the Roundup, the lead story cites DDRW as receiving two nominations for "top environmental awards" under the Secretary of Defenses environmental security awards program. I find this very interesting as there are depots within DDRW who are far better qualified for these nominations.

Some history might be of value. DDRW's San Joaquin and Tracy depots have been considered by many as one depot since DDRW was head quartered in California and DLA started realigning all of their depots under an east/west head quarter scenario. That these two depots are considered as one depot increases my apprehension at the truth in these nominations.

Please consider the following: DDJC recently had to purchase 150 acres of "PRIME FARMLAND" in the form of a "WALNUT GROVE". This "PRIME FARMLAND" was used as part of their criteria for not being recommended for closure under BRAC rules. This property is part of a 500 acre parcel which DDJC themselves contaminated, and then purchased. Now what are we as citizens supposed to do with a 150 acre "CONTAMINATED walnut farm? I certainly don't know.

Another issue is the 16 ACTIVE underground storage tanks still in use at DDJC. I understand that there are no leak detection systems installed on these tanks, nor are there any content level indication systems installed. The only way to tell if the tanks are full is when they overflow into an already contaminated ground, as has evidently been the practice for years. DDOU has had their underground tanks removed and the ground cleaned per governing regulation for years. How then can DDJC and DDRW be so proud of their contribution to a cleaner environment? Also please consider that DDJC has been levied a total $19,000.00 in environmentally related fines or penalties just in 1994. DDOU received zero fines or penalties in 1994, and anticipate none during 1995. Again, there seems to be some rather large discrepancies in the equality of DLA's findings. Really makes me wonder if DDOU was even a part of this contest, while lending credence to the speculation as to why we were recommended for closure by BOTH DDRW and DLA.

It is also interesting that DDJC is located in a region noted as a "NON-ATTAINMENT" for volatile organic compounds (VOC) air emissions, where as DDOU is located in an "ATTAINMENT" region for VOC's, and has for years operated as a storage management site for compounds such as PCB's, oils, expired shelf-life materiel

and many other related items. So again why was DDOU not fairly included in the competition for these awards?

Something here seems terribly out of character, especially since we are all supposedly working toward the same end of supporting the uniformed defenders of our great nation at the most optimum savings to the taxpayer. As DDOU has operated well within the confines of the law, and has remained *the* MODEL INSTALLATION within DLA, we appear to be trying to fix something that is not broken. So now what?

I hope that you will seriously consider this information as you deliberate which installation should be closed. We of the Ogden and DDOU community believe that we have always been the best and most cost effective at supporting our troops. We would sincerely like to keep being just that. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dear Senator Dixon:

In the past couple years I have noticed several water drilling rigs, ditches, cement boxes and water treatment plants, etc going up on the Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU), which has been recommended for base closure by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). I am told that all of this construction on the depot is due to the base being listed as a federal super fund cleanup site. Four things bother me deeply about this project:

a. How much is all of this going to cost me as an already over burdened taxpayer, and how soon will the ground be available for sale/lease so that we can realize a return on it?

b. Documents on file at our local library say that it might take as long as *FIFTEEN YEARS* to restore DDOU if everything goes as planned. I also understand that ground listed as a super fund site *is exceptionally difficult* to sell or lease until *COMPLETELY* cleaned up. Where is there any profit in ground that can not be sold or rented if the base is closed for federal use?

c. There are several streams that pass through the depot which are used as conduits for storm sewage, and one (Four Mile Creek) which has a perennial flow and is a fish and water fowl habitat. The EPA has stated that "a critical habitat deserves special attention because of much greater potential for damage to the habitat which will affect a population, community and ecosystem than would a non-critical habitat". If and when DDOU is sold off or leased, what will happen to this now protected and beautiful natural setting?

d. DDOU has for over 35 years leased 247 acres to local farmers/ ranchers to grow alfalfa, which is critical to our dairy and ranching lifestyle. We are too quickly losing ground which has fed, clothed and provided our existence since the valley was settled over 150 years ago. Where will the farmers who now "PAY" to use this ground turn for such vital livestock feed? How will he survive?

Sir, these are just a few of the things that bother me about DDOU closing. That this unit has consistently been rated the very best depot within DLA forever should say something. I do hope that you will consider these points in your deliberations. More than that, I hope that you will ask DLA and DDRW why these questions were not considered sooner. I do very much appreciate your listening to me, and we as a community wish you well in your

very difficult task. As a taxpayer, I say "let's keep the very best open and continue to realize the wisest savings for our dollar".

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The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
United States Senator
& Chairman of the BRAC Commission

Dear Senator Dixon,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my fellow workers. We at D.D.D.O.believe that such a vital inland base should remain intact.

D.D.D.O. has the only Deployable Medical Systems facility in the country. This mission is 100% reimbursable. We are preforming a vital role for our country, our servicemen, your sons and daughters.

We assemble : Deployable Medical Systems, along with all of the support equipment. When a hospital leaves this base and arrives at its destination, wherever that may be, it is a complete unit ready for action. Including the 100kw generators which provide the power for power distribution units for heaters, airconditioners lights ect.

These complete hospitals are not only ship around the world, but are also stored on base for future use by the armed forces, or for use in areas hit by national disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, ect.

D.D.D.O. is located in an ideal area. We have the right type of climate for these units as well as a railhead and air support which is furnished by Hill Field.

Not only would it be costly to move this large of an operation, but it would also put a stop to the production of this vital function. The time that would be involved to shut down operations and move it some where else, only to spend more time setting up and starting up again would greatly effect the efficiency of the DEPMEDS operation.

This country can not afford to lose the quality of the dedicated work force that it takes to assemble such a vital product to support those who are willing to die fighting for our freedom.

Not only does it take the employees in the DEPMEDS unit to produce a qualitity product, but it also takes the warehouse workers, the production control people as well as the transportation specialists to get the job done. Our country needs this Base and this Base needs its' employees.

I am enclosing a couple of news articals from our Ogden Standard-Examiner. I hope that you will have the time to read them.

Thank you for your time

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment
Commission 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
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Mr. Chairman:

As a member of the community in which it is located, I would like to speak against the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has consistently been a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has a well-educated and highly professional workforce which has contributed much to this community, our national defense, and the humanitarian relief of many nations of the world.

Over the years DDOU has been the "testing" depot for many new computer systems for DLA and DoD. MOWASP, DWASP, and other systems such as DSS currently being tested, have been perfected at DDOU and implemented throughout the U.S. defense system.

DDOU was the test facility for DLA's Model Installation Program and depot employee suggestions saved U.S. taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect. The depot received the prestigious DLA Model Installation Award for six consecutive years and was the only DLA depot to receive that award.

It doesn't seem to make good business sense to close a depot which has a conscientious, dependable workforce, has proven cost effective to operate, is easily accessible to highway, rail, and air shipping, has upgraded storage facilities, and also has expansion space available.

The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Arlington, VA 22209

Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of Utah and the community surrounding Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU), I am concerned by the recommendation to close DDOU.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to the west coast and this gives rise to many questions.

Why was DDOU rated so low this year, when records indicate the depot has consistently met or exceeded the criteria set for remaining a viable, functioning, low cost facility year after year?

How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

The recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU) is of great concern to me and the members of this community, as well as the depot employees and their families.

In reviewing the information in the DLA Detail Analysis supporting their recommendation, we question the validity of the selection based on the criteria requested by your commission. There are innumerable areas where the facts and figures don't seem to "add up".

DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has proven itself time and time again in meeting the challenges of mission accomplishment and cost savings.

DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Mr. Chairman:

It is with much concern that I write this letter, since I, like many others, have a tendency to believe that Washington "bureaucrats" and politicians don't care what the average taxpayer has to say. However, there are so many misrepresented facts and so much misleading information going around about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU) that I decided to find out if my caring and writing does matter.

DDOU has served this and other communities, our military forces, and the taxpayers of Utah and the United States efficiently and cost effectively for more than 50 years. In the 60's and 70's, DDOU's dedicated, well-educated workforce adopted an aggressive modernization program. Leading edge technology was incorporated into the DDOU processes and has been maintained to this day. Private sector distribution giants came to DDOU to learn the latest technologies, and through it all, DDOU remained the leader in DLA distribution in terms of efficiency, economy, and customer responsiveness.

With the kind of record DDOU has demonstrated, it is difficult to understand what criteria was used to justify the closure recommendation. I realize there is some rather intense "political friction" between DDOU and the region in the west, but surely the decision to close a base should be based on more than that.

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You and the BRAC commission will make the decision for or against closure. If you investigate this and other allegations of distorted data which have been called to your attention in letters and newspapers, I feel you will find it is in the best interests of our military forces and the taxpayers of the United States to remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern with regard to the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU). The people of this community, as well as depot employees and their families, are certainly feeling the sting of DLA's recommendation.

We are concerned because we feel DDOU provides a necessary service to all Americans and many nations of the free world. The distribution service, customer support, and humanitarian relief provided by DDOU is of excellent quality and offers U.S. taxpayers an exceptional "Real Dollar" savings year after year, rather than adding to our already astronomically high national debt.

In an independent study of all DLA depots, conducted by Peat, Marwick Associates in 1993, DDOU is clearly identified as the depot which "represents the wisest use of taxpayer dollars" and "provides the best service of any depot in the entire nation".

If DDOU has consistently been rated as the best and most cost efficient depot in the nation, why has it been recommended for closure? What really is the rationale behind the recommendation?

Major General Farrell is reported to have told the BRAC Commission that DLA's goal is to place all our nation's defense support structure on the coastal seaboards. Was this the rationale behind the recommendation to close DDOU?

Historically, DoD has placed major storage and repair depots inland to keep them from "harms way" and out of easy reach of open sea lanes. From this standpoint, and in view of DDOU's demonstrated excellent work ethic, customer service record, and ability to provide real dollars savings to taxpayers, please help us provide a more secure future of freedom for all Americans by removing DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Closure would affect over 1200 employees of the depot, as well as nearly 1700 tenant employees, and while this may not seem like much when compared with some other recommended closures, it could mean an impact of over $150 million in lost income, counting only DDOU employees and tenants DSDC and DRMO. In a community of mostly minimum wage jobs, it could be a real economic disaster.

It doesn't seem to make good business sense to close a depot which has a conscientious, dependable workforce; has proven cost effective to operate; is easily accessible to highway, rail, and air shipping; has upgraded storage facilities; and also has expansion space available.

DDOU has an outstanding performance record and has always been a leader in saving taxpayer dollars, which is critical to our national economy at this time. Additionally, DDOU has an excellent customer service record, which combined with its performance and cost efficiency should indicate faulty data used in recommending its closure.

The task of determining if a facility should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, if DDOU is given an unbiased evaluation based fairly and completely on the criteria set for determining closure, it will become apparent that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and U.S. missions throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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After reading the articles and letters appearing in our local newspaper, I am writing to add my feelings of concern to those expressed by other members of this community about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU).

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Mr Lyon -

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Thank you

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Our View

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DDO is and will continue to be of enormous military value. Its unique capabilities, its reputation for efficiency and its strategic location should weigh heavily in its favor with the final decision of the Defense Closure and Realignment Commission.

Letter writers are encouraged to give input to the commission. Address correspondence to:

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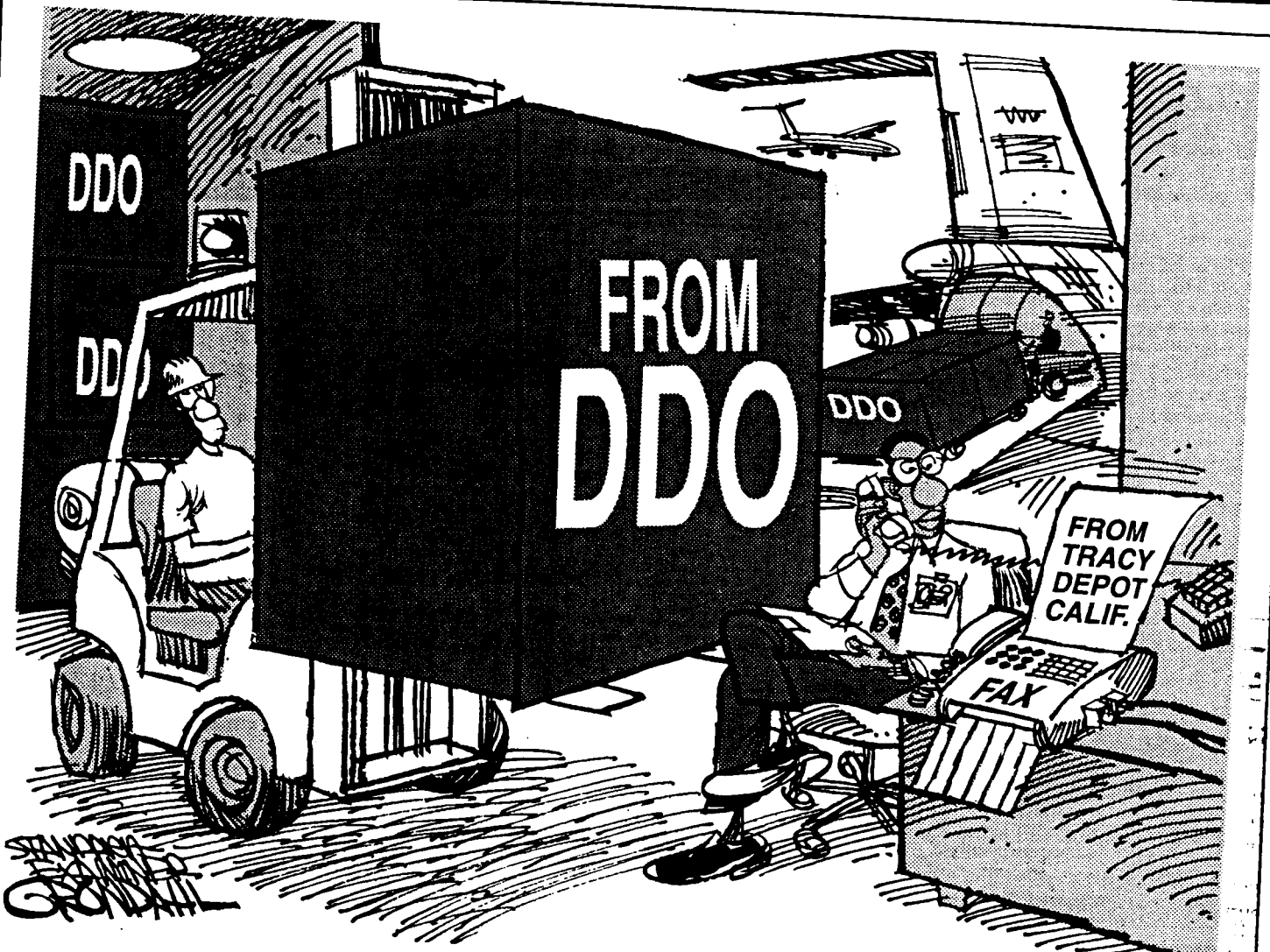


IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned citizen, I take this opportunity to express my concern regarding the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has proven itself cost effective and performance efficient time and time again. Not only during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm/ Desert Shield, and Hurricane Andrew, but in many other world conflicts and disasters.

Statistically, DDOU has been reported as the lowest cost depot in DLA and DoD, year after year. Depot employees have consistently demonstrated high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. DDOU has been the "depot of choice" selected by many Defense Service Centers when they have been given the opportunity to chose a depot to process their workloads.

These and many other documented facts would lead one to believe that DDOU would be around and continue to do its cost-saving, efficient job for many years to come.

Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure? Was the recommendation truly based on the BRAC criteria diligently collected and submitted, or is it another "undocumented" political maneuver?

You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Chairman Dixon:

I am writing to express my opposition to the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU). As a concerned citizen, I am flabbergasted at the distortions of information which appear to have been perpetrated in the consideration process which led to the closure recommendation.

The DLA Detailed Analysis, which supposedly explains and justifies the selections, contains charts and information which seems to be questionable at the very least. One chart, in particular, is a comparison analysis of the most economical functioning of a variety of combinations of DLA distribution sites. The cost figures printed indicate that closing DDOU and Memphis is the most cost efficient scenario. However, careful reading of the chart reveals that all possible combinations were not investigated.

Additionally, data for Sharpe Army Depot, Tracy Army Depot, and the Rough & Ready Site in the same area of California, was combined and reviewed as one activity; while the data for the three sites which make up DDOU was reviewed as three separate activities. The combination of the California sites into one activity made it impossible to review each as a separate activity or in alternative combinations with other activities that might prove to be more economical than the findings published in the Detailed Analysis.

This combining of data into one activity gave obvious advantage to that activity in the area of throughput, a critical data point which weighs heavily in the BRAC criteria of military value. Considering these activities as one is neither appropriate nor equitable for BRAC purposes. To be most accurate and fair, BRAC submissions must remain descreet by site.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and investigate questionable criteria, I trust you will conclude, as I have, that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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May 2, 1995

The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
Chairman, BRAC '95
1700 North Moore St, Suite 1425
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Dear Senator Dixon:

I have enclosed an article from our local paper which describes far better than I ever could the military value of DDOU, but more than that the value of meeting the needs of disaster victims through out the world.

These events are but a few in the daily routine of DDOU. We have always been the best within DLA, and sincerely hope to continue to be. I hope that this information will help in your deliberations on who can *BEST* support the needs of our Armed Forces and our Allies.

I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service;

Sincerely

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of the community surrounding the Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU), I am concerned by the logic behind the recommendation to close the depot.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to a "site on the west coast" and the justification for this really has me puzzled.

The DLA Detailed Analysis states in its summary that closing DDOU would save $21.8 million the 1st year, $20 million the next 4 years, and if memory serves, about $8 million a year after that.

That's incredible! There was a comparison done which took the per unit processing costs at DDOU and that same west coast site and projected an identical potential workload for FY94 to determine what the total cost at each site would be. DDOU's total costs for the potential workload projected to be over $12 million LESS than the exact same workload at the west coast site.

Both sites had the same NSN's in stock. DDOU could (and can) accommodate ALL stock stored at the west coast site without any expansion or addition cost to receive it. However, the west coast site could not (and still cannot) accommodate all the stock from DDOU without building a $17 million BISARS storage complex which is funded for construction but has not been started.

So, where's the logic? If DDOU took over the functions of the west coast site, it would save at least $12 million a year in normal processing costs, $17 million by not building an unneeded building, and probably the same $21 million DLA projects it would save closing DDOU. That's $50 million possible in the first year if the west coast site were closed instead of DDOU!

WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

I am a 47 year old father and grandfather working at Defense Depot Ogden. I am a Vietnam Veteran and also a civilian Federal Government employee who volunteered and went to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm to support the Depmeds Hospital that were in country at the time, for this effort I received the Civilian Desert Storm Service Medal.

Throughout history the United States has supported the people of other countries who have been treated unfairly and unjustly. We have tried to assure them that equality, justice and freedom will prevail. The United States has stood for honesty, democracy, justice and freedom, just to mention some. With this in mind then why is it that we don't practice what we preach? The circumstances surrounding DDOU being place on the Base Realignment and Closure list were not only unfair and unjust but underhanded, dishonest and a blemish to all that America stands for. The fact that figures were added, deleted, twisted and manipulated to try and justify the reasoning behind this attempted closure is as unethical as can be and especially at the levels that it was directed by.

My wife and I are both employed at Defense Depot Ogden. The Depot has given us both a good life. On the other hand we have given to the Government and the Community - honest, hard working and dedicated service. We understand that it is necessary to downsize and restructure government today, and if it was honestly in the best interest of our great Country to close DDOU, we could both support that decision. However, it has and is still being proven that it is not in the best interest of our Country that this Deport be closed. The fact that figures were manipulated unfairly and unjustly should be justification enough to withdraw DDOU from the closure list. Then we start adding to that justification all the facts that Mr. Mike Pavich brought to your attention during the hearings in New Mexico. We add the facts about the Depmeds hospitals that are built, stored, and maintained at DDOU, and realize that by closing DDOU the readiness of these hospitals will be greatly affected. We add that the U. S. Army has already stated that Ogden is the best installation for that mission and infact the Army wants to increase the mission at DDOU, and make our installation a Medical Depot of Excellence. Ask the servicemen and women who served in Desert Storm about these deployable hospitals and the importance of them during a conflict.
do the same and fight for us.

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I ask the Commission to please review all the facts, and to reverse the great injustice that has been done, and in the best interest of our great Country, remove DDOU from the Base Realignment and Closure list, and allow us to continue our dedicated, efficient and highly effective service to our country.

Respectfully submitted,

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14 May 1995

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Am sending it to you, Mr. Chairman, in hopes that you will take the time to read it and consider the decisions you will be making very carefully.

Make sure you have the facts, not half truths or out-right-twisted-to-make-them-look-better "statistics" from Defense Distribution Region West.

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# OPINION

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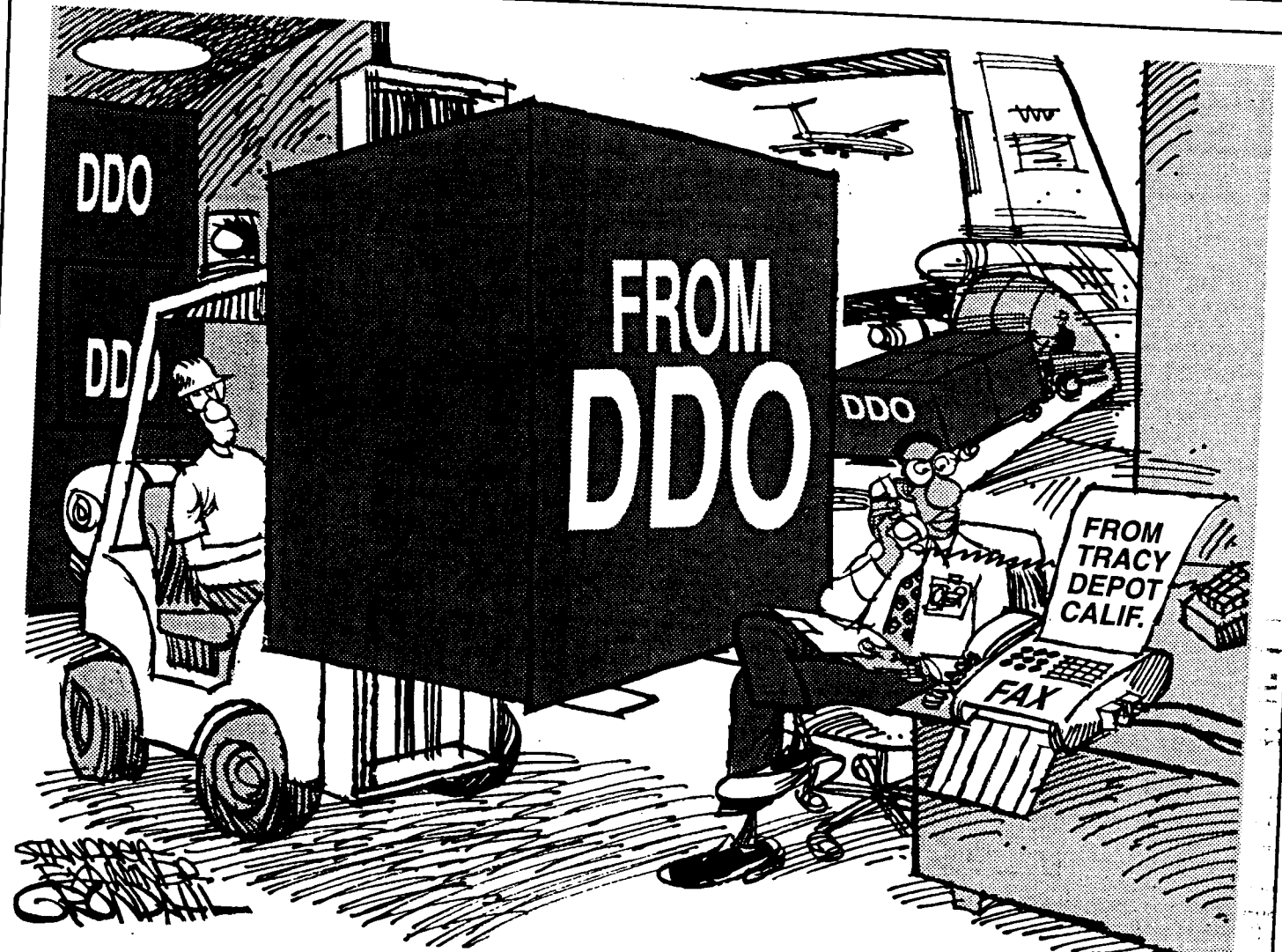


IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

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May 1995

Alan Dixon Chairman
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Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am enclosing an Editorial from the Standard Examiner concerning two shipments last week from Defense Depot Ogden. I suggest you read it.

To some it may seem strange that the UN would request an order of Tents directly from DDO, but to the employees of the Depot they are not at all surprised. DDO has a world wide reputation for getting the job done. Why didnt the request go to Mechanicsburg, Richmond, or Sharpe? Simply because they could not handle such a request, at least in an expeditious manner.

I wonder what DLA will do if DDO is closed?

Thank You
John R. Stewart
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Our View

# Tragedies reinforce DDO's military value

Defense Depot Ogden workers are understandably preoccupied with the threat of job loss as the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission deliberates the next round of military base closures.

But their dedication to duty, their efficiency, effectiveness and commitment to swiftly respond in times of distress have not diminished.

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Late afternoon, 350 tents, poles, ropes and pegs were transferred from DDO warehouses to transport trucks. The trucks delivered the cargo to a waiting Soviet-built cargo plane for airlift to the beleaguered African nation.

Why did the calls come to DDO and not Tracy Defense Depot — the military installation that is headquarters for Defense Distribution Region West, now the master of DDO's operation?

It made sense to reach out to the distribution center with the quickest, surest response time to get the necessary supplies to Oklahoma City.

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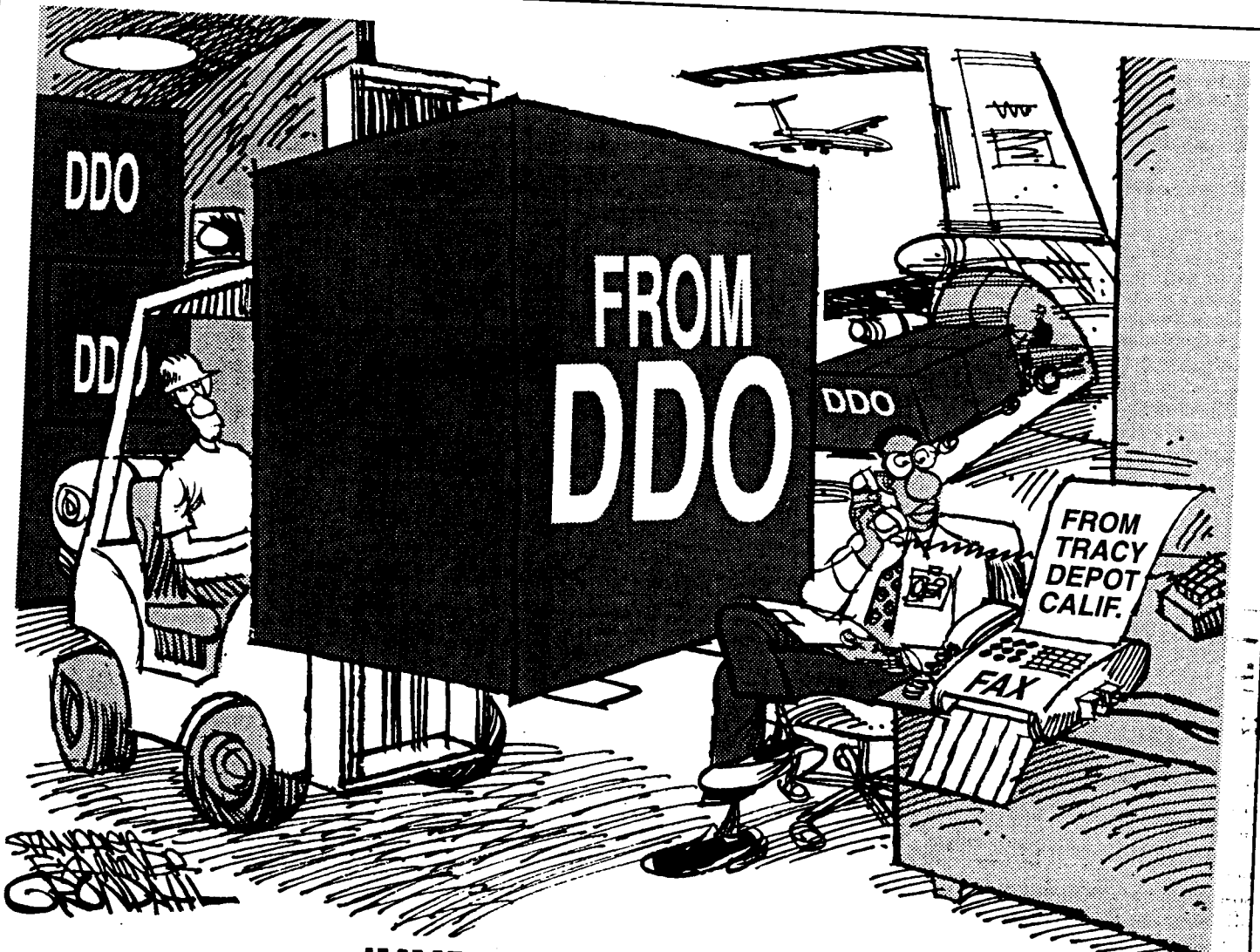


IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

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Dear Mr Dixon

I am sending this newspaper clipping so you can read it and then pass it on to the base Defense Closure and Realignment Commission.

I think this is another good example why D.D.C. Ogden should stay open. - If this operation would have come out of Tracy the extra day and a half it takes to ship supplies out of there would have caused probably lives and undue expense and hardships for the people waiting for this supplies

Also the footnote about the press is very much in order for the ~~Govt~~ Govt. employees ~~who~~ are making this decisions about closing the bases down all across America.

I think that if we continue to close more and more bases down, we as Americans are letting our guard down and weakening the readiness in the event of war. Remember that Communism is still alive and well.

Thank You.

Tom [illegible]

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Chairman Alan J Dixon
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April 29, 1995

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Dear Mr Dixon,

Enclosed is an article published in the Standard Examiner 28 apr 1995. Its another example of the versatility of Defense Depot Ogden in its strategic location. No other DLA Depot has this capability and available resources. It should be noted the request did not go to the Sharpe Depot as that would have been a waste of time.

I wonder what DLA and the Dept of Defense will do in the future if DDO remains on the Closure list? Who will bail them out of critical situations?

Thank you

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# NEWS BEAT

## Beginning START

Inspectors from the former Soviet Union arrive at Hill for missile inspections. 2B

## AT A GLANCE

### DDO ships aid to Rwanda

OGDEN — Defense Depot Ogden shipped out 350 tents to Rwanda aboard a gigantic Russian-built aircraft Thursday.

The tents, weighing 240,000 pounds, were shipped in response to a direct request to the depot by the United Nations.

They were transported to Salt Lake International Airport on Thursday.

DDO officials said the depot's proximity to the Salt Lake airport is a key factor in the Ogden depot's selection to fill the assignment.

The AN-124 aircraft is the largest cargo plane in the world and can be accommodated at only a limited number of airports.

The United Nations request for the tents is in response to bloodshed that occurred in a clash at a refugee camp.

A week ago, the depot sent 6,007 pairs of surgical gloves and 818 blankets to Oklahoma City to be used in recovery efforts at the bombed federal building.

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The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

After reading the articles and letters appearing in our local newspaper, I am writing to add my feelings of concern to those expressed by other members of this community about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU).

DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. The depot is strategically located at a cross roads of major interstate highways, north-south and east-west, and has immediate access to major rail and air transportation facilities.

DDOU has a record of excellent customer service and fast, efficient, cost effective delivery. Defense Service Centers, such as DISC, DESC, and DCSC, have written "customer endorsements" expressing preference of DDOU as the distribution site to process their workloads. Unfortunately, the Service Centers are frequently not allowed to select the most cost efficient depot. Statements have been made by Service Center personnel that the Commander at Region West has intentionally diverted work assigned to DDOU to the west coast in an attempt to decrease DDOU's workload and raise its Unit Cost. If it's true, and some DDOU workload figures in FY94 indicate it could be, it should be thoroughly investigated and the facts taken into any closure considerations.

The Peat Marwick study commissioned by DLA provided an analysis which established that DDOU functioning as a Primary Distribution Site was the most economical structure to support DLA's overall distribution mission. Why were the conclusions of this extensive and costly study ignored by DLA after they commissioned it? What happened to the need to save taxpayer dollars and still provide the best service possible to our defense forces and other customers?

Please evaluate the facts and for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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SCOTT H. PARKINSON
PRESIDENT & CEO

April 25, 1995

Alan J. Dixon
Chairman
The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
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Dear Chairman Dixon:

On behalf of the citizens and business people in Northern Utah I wish to thank you for your consideration at the recent regional hearing in Albuquerque. We appreciated you and your fellow commissioners' respectful attention to our presentation for Defense Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU) and Hill Air Force Base.

Hill DDO '95 Inc., has worked on this effort for two years. We are convinced that the base closure legislation is the best way to achieve the budget goals of the Federal Government. Further, we believe the present commission members are honest and independent and will listen and act on logical arguments. It may sound trite and naive; but, we believe the facts will drive the base closure decision process.

Again, thank you. Should you need any additional information or wish to discuss this further please call.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned citizen, I take this opportunity to express my concern regarding the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has proven itself cost effective and performance efficient time and time again. Not only during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm/Desert Shield, and Hurricane Andrew, but in many other world conflicts and disasters.

Statistically, DDOU has been reported as the lowest cost depot in DLA and DoD year after year.

Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure?

DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

Billy E. Chadwell

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
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Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of Utah and the community surrounding Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU), I am concerned by the recommendation to close DDOU.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to the west coast and this gives rise to many questions.

Why was DDOU rated so low this year, when records indicate the depot has consistently met or exceeded the criteria set for remaining a viable, functioning, low cost facility year after year?

How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned employee of Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah, I was amazed to find that the depot was on the list of bases recommended for closure. I would think that our record of support during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew and many other emergencies both foreign and domestics, along with the high quality work that we do on a daily basis would speak for itself.

Past statistics show that we have an outstanding facility. The depot has a quality truck and rail system, with an excellent hookup for air transportation at HAFB, Utah.

It would seem that Utah doesn't have a level playing field in politics. I believe tax payers' dollars are loosing ground due to government economics.

I realize that the Department of Defense must make cuts in spending, but I find it hard to believe that this can't be accomplished through attrition together with consolidation rather than an all out closure. I am asking you to give this matter further consideration and hopefully reconsider the decision to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

The recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU) is of great concern to me and the members of this community, as well as the depot employees and their families.

In reviewing the information in the DLA Detail Analysis supporting their recommendation, we question the validity of the selection based on the criteria requested by your commission. There are innumerable areas where the facts and figures don't seem to "add up".

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Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Respectfully,

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Chairman Dixon,
The "Green Team" at DDOU want to thank you and the BRAC commission for allowing a presentation by Gen. Mike Parich and a public comment period by seven of our DDOU employees at the Regional BRAC Hearing in Albuquerque on 20 Apr 95

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APRIL 24, 1995

MR. ALAN J. DIXON
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DEAR SIR:

I AM WRITING TO YOU REQUESTING THAT YOUR BRAC COMMITTEE MUST RECONSIDER AND REEVALUATE CLOSURE OF DEFENSE DEPOT OGDEN (DDO) IMMEDIATELY. ANY FAILURE TO DO NOTHING AND LET THIS INSTALLATION CLOSE WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE FOR BOTH OGDEN, UTAH AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH DDO THROUGHOUT MY LIFETIME, AS AN EMPLOYEE DURING MY COLLEGE DAYS, AS AN ARMY RESERVIST FOR SIX YEARS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AND NOW MY WIFE IS AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. SHE AND HER CREWS SEND OUT VITAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON A MOMENTS NOTICE UNDER THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE SYSTEM ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY HAS TODAY.

DEFENSE DEPOT OGDEN HAS A DISTINCT AND UNIQUE PURPOSE TO SERVE THIS COUNTRY WHEN NEEDED AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. SUCH EXAMPLES ARE INTERMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR DURING WWII, KOREAN WAR SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, VIETNAM WAR SUPPORT OF ALL REQUESTED SUPPLIES, HURRICANE ANDREW AND LIKE NATURAL DISASTERS, DESERT STORM AS WELL AS THE MOST RECENT...BLANKETS, FOOD, CLOTHING, M.A.S.H. HOSPITALS, BODY BAGS, ETC. FOR LAST WEEKS TRAGEDY IN OKLAHOMA CITY. WITHIN 90 MINUTES AFTER REQUEST OF SUPPLIES WAS RECEIVED, INVENTORY WAS LOCATED, PACKED FOR SHIPMENT, SENT TO NEIGHBORING HILL AIR FORCE BASE AND LOADED ONTO A CARGO PLANE, AND WAS IN THE AIR AND ON THE WAY TO THE NEEDY. I'LL BET THAT TRACY OR SHARP DEPOTS IN CALIFORNIA DIDN'T RISE TO THE OCCASION AS DID DDO.

MY WIFE TELLS ME THAT BOTH TRACY & SHARP DO NOT UNDERSTAND NOR USE THE COMPUTER SYSTEM DLA HAS SET UP, YET REQUESTS DDO PERSONNEL TO USE IT AND TO TEACH THE CALIFORNIA DEPOTS THIS SYSTEM. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF YOUR CONTROLLING CENTER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM OF OPERATIONS, MAYBE THEY SHOULD FOLLOW RATHER THAN LEAD.

I REQUEST THAT YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEES REEVALUATE THE MERITS OF DEFENSE DEPOT OGDEN VS. ANY GOVERNMENT DEPOT ON A FAIR AND EQUABLE BASIS RATHER THAN THE NORMAL POLITICAL, POPULAR DECISION. I THINK THAT IF YOU HAVE ALL THE FACTS AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE OTHER DEPOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, YOU WILL NOT ONLY TAKE DDO OFF THE BASE CLOSURE LIST, YOU WILL FIND THAT THIS IS THE BEST FACILITY OVERALL. PLEASE MAKE A BEST DECISION FOR AMERICA AND CHOOSE DEFENSE DEPOT OGDEN FOR ITS OVERALL READINESS, ITS COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND ITS PROFESSIONAL AND DEDICATED WORKFORCE RATHER THAN CHOOSING SECOND RATE AGENCIES BECAUSE IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY WISE. DO THE RIGHT THING, WE'LL BE WATCHING!

VERY CONCERNED AMERICANS,

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Marilyn Walker

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of the community surrounding the Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU), I am concerned by the logic behind the recommendation to close the depot.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to a "site on the west coast" and the justification for this really has me puzzled.

The DLA Detailed Analysis states in its summary that closing DDOU would save $21.8 million the 1st year, $20 million the next 4 years, and if memory serves, about $8 million a year after that.

That's incredible! There was a comparison done which took the per unit processing costs at DDOU and that same west coast site and projected an identical potential workload for FY94 to determine what the total cost at each site would be. DDOU's total costs for the potential workload projected to be over $12 million LESS than the exact same workload at the west coast site.

Both sites had the same NSN's in stock. DDOU could (and can) accommodate ALL stock stored at the west coast site without any expansion or addition cost to receive it. However, the west coast site could not (and still cannot) accommodate all the stock from DDOU without building a $17 million BISARS storage complex which is funded for construction but has not been started.

So, where's the logic? If DDOU took over the functions of the west coast site, it would save at least $12 million a year in normal processing costs, $17 million by not building an unneeded building, and probably the same $21 million DLA projects it would save closing DDOU. That's $50 million possible in the first year if the west coast site were closed instead of DDOU!

WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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5 Apr 95

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Mr. Chairman:

I am very concerned about the decision to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden. My concern is not only for myself (a 21 year employee) but for all those who work here, the community, our fighting men and women in the Armed Forces, and the thousands of others we have supported for 54 years.

The remark made by General Farrell was a very negative blow to the people who work here. The depot has always been #1 in the eyes of DLA. We were the first DLA depot to receive the Commander-in-Chiefs award, and we received the Model Installation of the Year award 6 consecutive years. So as you can see, the efficiency of the depot is not only because of the "active binnable items" but because of the way the work is performed, and the new ideas that are suggested and implemented by our workforce. As you have heard a lot, I'm sure, we have a highly educated workforce. 92.9% of our employees have high school degrees and 44.2% have some college. That could be one reason DLA has trusted our employees to test and implement new systems such as MOWASP, DWASP (and all increments of DWASP), and the latest system, DSS.

Another concern I have is DDRW building a large storage facility (and got to count that in their storage capability) when we have so much room to store items here. It seems to me the western region should be Tracy and Ogden together. How can you only have one depot on the western side of the United States and expect to defend the U.S. in time of war. Also, why did we just build a $1.2 million hazardous facility, if they were going to build one at the region. This is such a waste of taxpayers money. If we were together (Tracy and Ogden), we could use both resources and not have to waste the money on these two new facilities.

You should also look at our location. We are the "HUB OF THE WEST" with all major highways going through Utah. Also, what better combination could you have then a depot and an air force base located within 15 miles of each other. In times of contingency (Desert Storm, for example) we have been and are able to air lift tons of material to those who need our help in a very short time.

Have you inquired the ICPs to find out which depot they would prefer to keep open. Our Commander came from DESC and also worked

as an item manager at DISC. He has been told at both facilities "if you want to be able to find your material, store it at DDOU". These are the two major supply centers in DLA.

All of the above prove to me that efficiency does not only depend on having "small binnable items" (which by the way has changed at DDOU, we are now 43% bin and 57% bulk, and we are still the lowest cost depot) but having the type of workforce, the location, and the storage capability (since we are the second largest distribution depot in DLA) necessary for todays defense needs.

The Peat Marwick group was not hired by DDOU. We did not bribe them to come up with findings that would be most favorable to DDOU. The findings of Peat Marwick were proof that DDOU is a valuable part of the chain to maintain our defense.

As a citizen of the United States, I say we maintain our capability to defend ourselves in time of war, to keep the most efficient depot open and not to make a mistake that will cost the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter, and good luck in your decision; I'm sure it's going to be tough.

Sincerely,

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Respectfully,

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Mr. Chairman:

After reading the articles and letters appearing in our local newspaper, I am writing to add my feelings of concern to those expressed by other members of this community about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU).

DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. The depot is strategically located at a cross roads of major interstate highways, north-south and east-west, and has immediate access to major rail and air transportation facilities.

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The Peat Marwick study commissioned by DLA provided an analysis which established that DDOU functioning as a Primary Distribution Site was the most economical structure to support DLA's overall distribution mission. Why were the conclusions of this extensive and costly study ignored by DLA after they commissioned it? What happened to the need to save taxpayer dollars and still provide the best service possible to our defense forces and other customers?

Please evaluate the facts and for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Dixon:

I am writing to express my opposition to the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU). As a concerned citizen, I am flabbergasted at the distortions of information which appear to have been perpetrated in the consideration process which led to the closure recommendation.

The DLA Detailed Analysis, which supposedly explains and justifies the selections, contains charts and information which seems to be questionable at the very least. One chart, in particular, is a comparison analysis of the most economical functioning of a variety of combinations of DLA distribution sites. The cost figures printed indicate that closing DDOU and Memphis is the most cost efficient scenario. However, careful reading of the chart reveals that all possible combinations were not investigated.

Additionally, data for Sharpe Army Depot, Tracy Army Depot, and the Rough & Ready Site in the same area of California, was combined and reviewed as one activity; while the data for the three sites which make up DDOU was reviewed as three separate activities. The combination of the California sites into one activity made it impossible to review each as a separate activity or in alternative combinations with other activities that might prove to be more economical than the findings published in the Detailed Analysis.

This combining of data into one activity gave obvious advantage to that activity in the area of throughput, a critical data point which weighs heavily in the BRAC criteria of military value. Considering these activities as one is neither appropriate nor equitable for BRAC purposes. To be most accurate and fair, BRAC submissions must remain descreet by site.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and investigate questionable criteria, I trust you will conclude, as I have, that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of the community surrounding the Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU), I am concerned by the logic behind the recommendation to close the depot.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to a "site on the west coast" and the justification for this really has me puzzled.

The DLA Detailed Analysis states in its summary that closing DDOU would save $21.8 million the 1st year, $20 million the next 4 years, and if memory serves, about $8 million a year after that.

That's incredible! There was a comparison done which took the per unit processing costs at DDOU and that same west coast site and projected an identical potential workload for FY94 to determine what the total cost at each site would be. DDOU's total costs for the potential workload projected to be over $12 million LESS than the exact same workload at the west coast site.

Both sites had the same NSN's in stock. DDOU could (and can) accommodate ALL stock stored at the west coast site without any expansion or addition cost to receive it. However, the west coast site could not (and still cannot) accommodate all the stock from DDOU without building a $17 million BISARS storage complex which is funded for construction but has not been started.

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WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Why was DDOU rated so low this year, when records indicate the depot has consistently met or exceeded the criteria set for remaining a viable, functioning, low cost facility year after year?

How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully,

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I don't believe you know the effect it will have on many Utahns

DDOU employees are fighting for their lives.

Please help us by removing DDOU from the base closure list

Sincerely, Sherri J. Storey

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I know most of you think, well that's too bad about Defense Depot Ogden, but that's the way things go.

I find it very hard to believe that Ogden City and the surrounding communities are so laid-back, while we at the depot are literally fighting for our lives.

Whatever happened to the community spirit?

We at the depot are very proud of our number one ranking and that makes us try to be even better year after year.

Whenever anything is asked of us, we give more than 100 percent. It doesn't matter whether the asking comes from the nation or from the community.

If the shoe were on the other foot and Kimberly Clark or any other big business was going to close, you can bet that the employees at the depot would be out there fighting for you.

So, won't you please gather around us and show that you really do care?

Start writing and telephoning your congressmen and BRAC. Let them know that you care about us.

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I understand "Tricare" is a new military health care system which combines military and civilian health care providers to give users several options. One option is an HMO system and two options are based on the CHAMPUS system used by some active duty personnel. Tricare is not supposed to change the level of retirees' health care. It may or may not include enrollment fees. It may include deductibles and co-payments. Tricare will be limited by the number of healthcare providers willing to participate in it, and it is limited in its application to older retirees. Tricare allows the military to privatize, beyond CHAMPUS, the health care of retirees and other non-combatant beneficiaries.

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We in Colorado are not unique among areas that may suffer adverse impacts from a base closing. Can we honestly object to the military finding a more cost effective way to fulfil its contractual obligations of medical care? No.

The battle should be **not** to keep Fitzsimons open, but to insure the military's, new Tricare health system provides healthcare both efficiently and effectively to all eligible recipients.

Sincerely,

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Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
1700 N. Moore St.
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Dear General Davis:

As a professional soldier (retired), living in Aurora, Colorado, I **support** the Army's decision to close Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Colorado.

As a citizen, I support the privatization of government services, including the health care services which I have been promised.

I am eligible to use Fitzsimons and I have used it. Still, as a retired professional soldier, I find it difficult to ask the Army to subvert its essential mission of national security to one of subsidizing the local economy-- in Colorado...or in Maine...or in California.

The military made a contract with me to provide medical care. If that contract is filled equitably and fairly, then I find it difficult to complain that the military uses civilian doctors or hospitals to meet the terms of the contract. I do not object to privatization as long as the availability, quality and cost of care remain equal.

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The battle should be **not** to keep Fitzsimons open, but to insure the military's, new Tricare health system provides healthcare both efficiently and effectively to all eligible recipients.

Sincerely,

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MORE AIR SPACE IN TEXAS THAN FLORDIA!

Ogden 4/17

April 11, 1995

Dear Commissioner Lee King

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden, Utah, and the sole support of three children, I am really concerned about the proposed closure of the Depot. The Depot is known for its excellence and timely delivery of goods, and we pride ourselves on our excellent record. We have proven time and time again that we can accomplish whatever mission we are given.

Closing the Depot will put many households such as mine in jeopardy, and cause us to not be self-sufficient. Thank you in advance for any help you can give us in saving Defense Depot Ogden from closure.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I have been working at DDOU for 29 years, so I am planning to retire next June 30th. Surely, I am supporting for DDOU in 100%. Thanks lot,

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Historically, DoD has placed major storage and repair depots inland to keep them from "harms way" and out of easy reach of open sea lanes. From this standpoint, and in view of DDOU's demonstrated excellent work ethic, customer service record, and ability to provide real dollars savings to taxpayers, please help us provide a more secure future of freedom for all Americans by removing DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Dear Chairman Alan J. Dixon,

I am an employee of Defense Depot Ogden, Utah-a single parent supporting two sons with the income from my job at the Depot. I have very much appreciated having this job, and have enjoyed the benefits that are connected with government work. My job has enabled me to raise my sons without having to ask for public assistance of any kind. I wish to be able to retain my independent status, and, thus, I am writing this letter requesting that you help keep the Defense Depot Ogden open.

I believe the good record of the Depot speaks for itself. For many years we have been No. 1. The Depot is a cost effective, efficient, smooth-running operation. Please take a second look at the statistics and records, and remove Defense Depot Ogden from the Base Closure list.

Sincerely,

Pat Anderson

Patricia Anderson

Document Separator

## Inconsistencies need evaluation on DDO closure

During the base realignment and closure process, Tracy Depot was considered in combination with Sharpe Depot against Ogden. This gave them a substantial advantage over DDO in point value.

Although this combination may be valid, a far more advantageous alliance for the defense of our nation may be a Tracy-Ogden combination.

The Sharpe-Tracy combination was also given credit for its transportation potential based on the close proximity of Travis Air Force Base.

Travis is 70 miles on state roads or 90 by freeway from the Tracy Depot. Have you driven on a California freeway lately?

Defense Depot Ogden was not given [illegible] proximity to Hill Air Force Base, which [illegible] away.

During Desert Storm, material was quickly and efficiently transported from DDO to Hill and flown to the Gulf.

These are just two of the many apparent inconsistencies in the evaluation process, which DDO employees would like to see addressed.

The depot site was originally cho[illegible] because its location makes it the Hub of the Western rail connections [illegible] conven[illegible] delivery to customers. Hill AFB [illegible] to [illegible] quickly than any competitor.

We have a motivated workforce, which is evidenced by the many companies from California and other states [illegible] relocating to [illegible].

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission is taking another look at DDO. Three members will be in town on April 13.

We DDO employees hope to see all of our elected representatives standing with us in our hour of need as we know our local officials will be.

It is our hope that the community and state will show support and pride for the defense depot.

*Michael Sherman*
*North Ogden*

## Citizen very concerned about DDO closing

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*Lily Miller*
*Ogden*

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The time was Dec. 7, 1941. The place was Pearl Harbor. We weren't expecting to be attacked on that fateful Sunday morning.

If we allow the government to continue to cut back and close our military bases and supply depots, it will eventually happen again.

That is a pretty startling realization, but that's exactly what will happen if we keep cutting and closing bases and depots.

Where would our men and women [illegible] the hospitals and other much needed supplies that were shipped to wartorn places like the deserts of Saudi Arabia, the jungles of Nam, Europe and Africa and points in between?

What would have happened to the people of Florida and all the other places that we shipped tents, blankets and other much-needed supplies during a time of natural and man-made disasters?

And then think about the men and women whose jobs will be lost at a time when there are too many people without work.

What happened to taking care of our own? Wake up and smell the coffee, stop this madness — save the Defense Depot of Ogden.

*Sandra N. Rackham*
*Roy*

## Stop base closures and militar

This letter is directed to all state and federal governmental officials.

How far are these cuts in military [illegible] go? How long before countries like North Korea, Iraq or Iran are in control of the United [illegible] the world?

[illegible] before the closures of supply depots (such as DDO) before our troops start running out of medical or other needed supplies?

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## DDO employees and the community need DDO

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all other employees of DDO.

I work in the DEPMEDS organization. You've seen and heard a lot about our hospital units in the news lately.

DDO is more than just DEPMEDS. It's people, and without these people, we would have a hard time building our hospitals and shipping them worldwide.

We need the people in the other warehouses to store and pick the stock. We need the truck drivers to move all of this material to our assembly areas, and the transportation people to arrange and ship these hospitals.

Do you know it takes about 30 commercial semi-trucks to ship a hospital; that is 30 truck drivers who do not work for the government — and that's just for DEPMEDS shipments. Look at all the other material that is shipped in and out daily from DDO.

You can see that the closure of DDO not only has an impact on our lives, it will have impact on the community as well.

And, did you know that during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, we supplied most of the medical equipment and hospitals, and that we are the only people who assemble these large hospital sets.

I urge all DDO employees and the community to stand up and be heard; we must save DDO from base closure and we must act now! We have very little time left.

I for one am not going to throw in the towel and let them win without a fight.

Remember, we the employees and you the community need DDO to remain open; and some day what we do out here may just save a loved one's life during a conflict half way around the world, or even a natural disaster in our own back yard.

*Kevin D. Fuit*
*Clearfield*

## What's really the rationale behind DDO closure?

In reviewing the information in the DLA Detail Analysis supporting the BRAC's recommendation, I question the validity of the selection based on the criteria requested by the commission. There are innumerable areas where the facts and figures don't seem to add up.

Statistically, DDO has been reported as the lowest [illegible] depot in DLA and DDO year after year. Depot employees consistently demonstrated high work quality, productivity, and customer support [illegible].

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DDO has been the "depot of choice" selected by many defense service centers when they have been given the opportunity to choose a depot to process their workloads.

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What really is the rationale behind the recommendation?

*S. Watkins*
*Riverdale*

# Document Separator

Ogden
4/17

Dear Dixon;

These letters express my views - especially "What's really the rationale behind DOC closure?" Please take time to read & digest the thoughts expressed.

Thank you for your time.

Esther Sage
515 Fowler Ave.
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P.S. I am not an employee, I am a retired citizen and the workings of my government is foremost in my thoughts & life. It's my future.

Ogden 4/17

March 11, 1995

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1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
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Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned citizen, I take this opportunity to express my concern regarding the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has proven itself cost effective and performance efficient time and time again. Not only during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm/ Desert Shield, and Hurricane Andrew, but in many other world conflicts and disasters.

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Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure? Was the recommendation truly based on the BRAC criteria diligently collected and submitted, or is it another "undocumented" political maneuver?

You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

H T Rinehart

Name H.T. RINEHART

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Address

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DDOU has consistently been a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has a well-educated and highly professional workforce which has contributed much to this community, our national defense, and the humanitarian relief of many nations of the world.

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The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Dear Mr Dixon and Commission

In 1942 I started my first job at DDO (then known as Utah General Depot). It's purpose then, as it is now, was as a supply depot.

The depot opened during world war II. We were told its location was important because it was inland (away from the coast) — less likely to be bombed —. It is also located at a railroad center.

Over the years the depot has had high production records and excellent work ethic

I'm enclosing some newspaper clippings concerning the depot which stress some reasons for keeping the place open.

Ogden and Utah needs to keep DDO and Hill AFBase open.

a former employee
LaRue T. Brown

Enclosures
newspaper clippings

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I work at the Defense Depot Ogden, and though I am not directly employed by them, I will say this - it is one of the more efficient Depots around, (and I have seen a number of them) and your initial judgement to close the Depot, I feel, was based on false information supplied to you and slanted statistics. Ogden is central to all the mountain states and can and has delivered material to any of the coastal depots within a working day by ground (much faster by air). The statistics used to justify the closing of the Depot were slanted to make other depots in the Region look good - much better than they actually are. This is the result of a long-standing feud in Region West in which they are trying to outdo Ogden and they can't. So, they are using a political approach, presenting biased figures to make themselves look better, and to make Ogden look worse. Don't let yourself, and the commission, get sucked in to their trap!

Apply the same standards to Tracy, Stockton, etc., as were used for Ogden, and I believe you will find that Ogden is a very efficiently run Depot that would be a mistake to close.

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As you evaluate the closure recommendations and investigate questionable criteria, I trust you will conclude, as I have, that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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It is with much concern that I write this letter, since I, like many others, have a tendency to believe that Washington "bureaucrats" and politicians don't care what the average taxpayer has to say. However, there are so many misrepresented facts and so much misleading information going around about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU) that I decided to find out if my caring and writing does matter.

DDOU has served this and other communities, our military forces, and the taxpayers of Utah and the United States efficiently and cost effectively for more than 50 years. In the 60's and 70's, DDOU's dedicated, well-educated workforce adopted an aggressive modernization program. Leading edge technology was incorporated into the DDOU processes and has been maintained to this day. Private sector distribution giants came to DDOU to learn the latest technologies, and through it all, DDOU remained the leader in DLA distribution in terms of efficiency, economy, and customer responsiveness.

With the kind of record DDOU has demonstrated, it is difficult to understand what criteria was used to justify the closure recommendation. I realize there is some rather intense "political friction" between DDOU and the region in the west, but surely the decision to close a base should be based on more than that.

The DLA Detailed Analysis indicates the DDOU Ogden Site was scored against one base in the west which combined 3 sites in presenting its data. If this is true, the comparison was more than a little out of line and unjust.

You and the BRAC commission will make the decision for or against closure. If you investigate this and other allegations of distorted data which have been called to your attention in letters and newspapers, I feel you will find it is in the best interests of our military forces and the taxpayers of the United States to remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Dixon:

I write you as a concerned American citizen, and as an experienced career member of the defense establishment. My concern is directed at the decision to close, perhaps the finest supply facility in the United States, Defense Depot Ogden.

I was personally involved in the three major conflicts the United States conducted during my years of service. Serving as pilot, administrator and commander. Europe 1944-45: Korea 1951-52: and, Southeast Asia 1965-67. Commander of Defense Depot Ogden October 1967 to October 1971.

During my years in Southeast Asia I served as commander of the aircraft maintenance division of the 3600 Material Wing, and as the Director of Logistics for 13th Air Force. In the 1965 period, we attempted to accomplish all major type maintenance on all combat and support aircraft, in country, at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines. My staff increased from 105 personnel to 8500 technicions in less than two months. This concept deprived the combat units of aircraft and pilots to do the aircraft ferry work. After several months, this concept was considered inefficient, and facilities capable of total maintenance and supply accomplishment were planned and building started throughout Viet Nam, and other strategic spots. Both of the support concepts demanded a supply system that could supply needs in great quantities and in a minimum of time. Of all the agencies utilized, Defense Depot Ogden stood at the top throughout the entire critical period. The capability and desire to accomplish the mission made Defense Depot Ogden a favorite agency for assistance.

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For the good of our country, and the armed forces tasked to maintain our way of life, it is essential to keep this excellent supply activity intact.

Sincerely,

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WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Respectfully,

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These and many other documented facts would lead one to believe that DDOU would be around and continue to do its cost-saving, efficient job for many years to come.

Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure? Was the recommendation truly based on the BRAC criteria diligently collected and submitted, or is it another "undocumented" political maneuver?

You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Dixon:

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It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to a "site on the west coast" and the justification for this really has me puzzled.

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That's incredible! There was a comparison done which took the per unit processing costs at DDOU and that same west coast site and projected an identical potential workload for FY94 to determine what the total cost at each site would be. DDOU's total costs for the potential workload projected to be over $12 million LESS than the exact same workload at the west coast site.

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WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Mr. Chairman:

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With the kind of record DDOU has demonstrated, it is difficult to understand what criteria was used to justify the closure recommendation. I realize there is some rather intense "political friction" between DDOU and the region in the west, but surely the decision to close a base should be based on more than that.

The DLA Detailed Analysis indicates the DDOU Ogden Site was scored against one base in the west which combined 3 sites in presenting its data. If this is true, the comparison was more than a little out of line and unjust.

You and the BRAC commission will make the decision for or against closure. If you investigate this and other allegations of distorted data which have been called to your attention in letters and newspapers, I feel you will find it is in the best interests of our military forces and the taxpayers of the United States to remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden Utah, I am concerned not only for myself, but for all employees at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close this particular installation.

The DDOU workforce is dedicated to providing quality work at this installation. This service is provided at an affordable price. The price DDOU workforce is being asked to pay is not cost efficient by DOD or DLA standards. Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, as a whole, has proven itself time and time again; not only during Vietnam, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew, and other conflicts and disasters, that we can hold our own. Over the years DDOU has been the testing depot for new computer systems which have been implemented throughout DLA, such as MOWASP, DWASP, and the latest system being tested/implimented DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installation Program (MIP) and have ranked number one for several years. We were also instrumental in the Workforce Certification Program and the hand-held computer scanners. The DEPMEDS function speaks for itself as an exceptional operation.

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Have these questions been addressed...

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Please consider the lives of your constituents here in Northern Utah and FIGHT TO SAVE THE DEPOT!

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It is with much concern that I write this letter, since I, like many others, have a tendency to believe that Washington "bureaucrats" and politicians don't care what the average taxpayer has to say. However, there are so many misrepresented facts and so much misleading information going around about the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU) that I decided to find out if my caring and writing does matter.

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You and the BRAC commission will make the decision for or against closure. If you investigate this and other allegations of distorted data which have been called to your attention in letters and newspapers, I feel you will find it is in the best interests of our military forces and the taxpayers of the United States to remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Dear Chairman Dixon:

I am enclosing a Guest Commentary I wrote and that was published 5 april in the Standard Examiner Newspaper. I hope you and your staff can find time to read and consider what I have to say.

I have over 30 years service at Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, most of which was as a top management official and feel I am very qualified to know what has and will happen if we ever have another major military action in the Pacific area.

DLA's plan to close DDO and replace it with the Sharpe Depot has gross weaknesses to it. Sharpe Depot will never be capable of handling the workload accomplished by DDO during Vietnam. Moving stocks anywhere near the problem area of the Oakland Port is a major mistake. DDO is located at the best vantage point.

DDO, as the primary depot for DLA stocks and with Tracy Depot primary for subsistence was a team that was highly successful during vietnam. Why discard a proven track record for one that has not been tested in the real world? I don't think intelligent men will.

Thank You,

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Chairman Dixon:

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The DLA Detailed Analysis states in its summary that closing DDOU would save $21.8 million the 1st year, $20 million the next 4 years, and if memory serves, about $8 million a year after that.

That's incredible! There was a comparison done which took the per unit processing costs at DDOU and that same west coast site and projected an identical potential workload for FY94 to determine what the total cost at each site would be. DDOU's total costs for the potential workload projected to be over $12 million LESS than the exact same workload at the west coast site.

Both sites had the same NSN's in stock. DDOU could (and can) accommodate ALL stock stored at the west coast site without any expansion or addition cost to receive it. However, the west coast site could not (and still cannot) accommodate all the stock from DDOU without building a $17 million BISARS storage complex which is funded for construction but has not been started.

So, where's the logic? If DDOU took over the functions of the west coast site, it would save at least $12 million a year in normal processing costs, $17 million by not building an unneeded building, and probably the same $21 million DLA projects it would save closing DDOU. That's $50 million possible in the first year if the west coast site were closed instead of DDOU!

WHERE'S THE LOGIC? You and BRAC Commission members must decide which sites to close and which to leave open. If the above figures prove to be even close to true, then DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

P.S. I do hope you investigate this closure much more carefully.

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Why was DDOU rated so low this year, when records indicate the depot has consistently met or exceeded the criteria set for remaining a viable, functioning, low cost facility year after year?

How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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Mr. Chairman:

The recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU) is of great concern to me and the members of this community, as well as the depot employees and their families.

In reviewing the information in the DLA Detail Analysis supporting their recommendation, we question the validity of the selection based on the criteria requested by your commission. There are innumerable areas where the facts and figures don't seem to "add up".

DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has proven itself time and time again in meeting the challenges of mission accomplishment and cost savings.

DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Alan J. Dixon
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Dear Chariman Dixon:

As an employee of Defense Distribution Depot in Ogden, Utah, I am concerned not only for myself but for all the dedicated employees at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close us down.

We, along with our major customer, U.S. Army medical Material Agency were quite surprised at the announcement as stated in a personnel letter recently received.

I find it rather alarming that they in fact did not seem to be aware of this decision or that they were not approached in determining the military value here at DDOU.

I work in the Depmeds Function, where I inspect mobile hospitals before they leave our depot. As an employee, I proud to say that DDOU has proven itself time and time again. We have been the test facility for a number of programs including Mowasp, Dwasp, and the latest being DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installations Program and have ranked number one for several years. We were also in instrumental in workforce certification as well as many other programs too numberous to mention. It is my understanding that Utah was the site chosen for the Depmeds program. If we were a prime site then, DDOU should be an excellent site now. The workforce in the depmeds area are so trained and efficient that they have meet every deadline for hospitals going out since its birth.

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A reply of any pending action or events would be greatly appreciated. SAVE DDOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and as an employee at Defense Depot Ogden.

I do understand our country's position in reducing military infrastructure and I do appreciate the difficult decisions that the commission has to make in the next few months regarding the future of many installations.

Those decisions that you and the commission have to make need to be based on good business sense, leaving politics and prejudice out. This whole exercise is based on reducing government spending and more effectiveness.

The Defense Depot Ogden has always been the top rated depot in DLA for efficiency and quality of work. Our BRAC numbers can bear that out.

DLA's decision was based on the fact that they want to move depot operations to the coast, with total disregard to the criterion established to select candidates for closure. This does not make good business sense.

At a time when private companies are relocating away from the coasts to become more central to all of their customers, DLA is going in the opposite direction.

If the decision to close depots within DLA was being made by the supply centers and customers, Defense Depot Ogden would be the last one to go based on the excellent service we provide and the way we do our job.

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Chairman Dixon,

As a quick introduction, I, Carolyn Brunson, was asked in May 94 to serve as BRAC 95 Project Officer, representing Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU). Before receiving the BRAC 95 data call, I began studying the 93 BRAC process, particularly, DLA's Base Realignment and Closure Detailed Analysis, dated 12 March 1993. Being aware of the sensitivity on the question regarding depot thruput, I attempted to validate our input with data recorded in the final tallying of BRAC 93 records from the Detailed Analysis.

On Enclosure (**page 2**) from this Detailed Analysis you can see how the depots were ranked on excess capacity. The key to identification of the depots is on Enclosure (**pages 3 and 4**).

When I compared the thruput recorded for Depot #11 (which represented DDOU) I discovered that the printed figure for thruput did not represent our input from our BRAC data files - see Enclosure **page 5**. Apparently, the thruput figure we submitted was recorded with Depot #1, Warner Robbins Distribution Depot. This fact concerned me enough to report it to Inspector General personnel at DDRW as well as visiting DoD Inspector General personnel and again to GAO personnel visiting in Oct 1994. I realize this information was "water under the bridge" and it did not impact any decision for closure, at least not with DDOU.

Last week as I was re-reviewing this "clerical error" I also validated information from the other columns of the Excess Capacity breakout (shown on **page 2**). All data from line 1, (DD1) matches data submitted by DDOU; this includes attainable cubic feet of bulk storage, bin locations and rack locations and percentages used of each of the three categories. Our BRAC submission is shown on **page 7**.

As I stated earlier, this, of course, is "water under the bridge" but correction of this "clerical error" would have put DDOU as number one on this list for excess capacity.

Isn't it interesting how with no degradation of physical capacity at DDOU, we can now move from #1 position of excess capacity and thruput, vital categories of military value, to such a low level as to be placed on the BRAC 95 closure list?

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance. My home address is: 1277 Earl Drive, Ogden, Utah 84404.

Sincerely,

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Encl (7 pages)

Copy furnished:
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P.S. Please be aware that we will answer any questions you may have such as those on thruput, obtainable cubic feet of storage, or costs, even though we have been advised by our former competitor, now our Region Headquarters, not to brief on those things.

# Defense Logistics Agency

## BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE DETAILED ANALYSIS

12 March 1993

# EXCESS CAPACITY

| | DEPOT | BULK STORAGE | % USED | BIN LOCATIONS | % USED | RACKS LOCATIONS | % USED | THRUPUT CAPACITY | % USED | BUILDABLE ACRES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Warner Robins | DD1 | [redacted] | 89 | [redacted] | 58 | [redacted] | 88 | [redacted] | 41 | [redacted] 652 (Ogden's) |
| | DD2 | 11544 | 94 | 339612 | 76 | 53756 | 90 | 10254 | 29 | 60 |
| | DD4 | 20781 | 90 | 192103 | 87 | 52162 | 64 | 15872 | 27 | 329 |
| | DD5 | 38418 | 80 | 374524 | 86 | 49410 | 78 | 19500 | 55 | 157 |
| | DD6 | 6586 | 75 | 703000 | 45 | 132000 | 82 | 9889 | 66 | 0 |
| | DD8 | 3201 | 86 | 239774 | 85 | 31728 | 69 | 3652 | 54 | 0 |
| | DD9 | 10549 | 98 | 100993 | 39 | 30486 | 50 | 1060 | 31 | 1200 |
| DDOU | DD11 | 26921 | 96 | 490672 | 97 | 61580 | 94 | 17801 | 70 | 121 |
| | DD12 | 15240 | 97 | 286690 | 70 | 47250 | 89 | 4133 | 77 | 900 |
| | DD13 | 17834 | 80 | 173531 | 71 | 56889 | 99 | 8683 | 76 | 3264 |
| | DD14 | 52484 | 60 | 575897 | 90 | 150918 | 90 | 9032 | 74 | 466 |
| | DD15 | 777 | 96 | 35873 | 95 | 17424 | 90 | 2955 | 48 | 601 |
| | DD16 | 13225 | 90 | 269376 | 79 | 285696 | 97 | 8461 | 41 | 517 |
| | DD17 | 15502 | 82 | 20000 | 90 | 8453 | 88 | 393 | 87 | 500 |
| | DD18 | 21584 | 68 | 86930 | 60 | 15784 | 88 | 2450 | 45 | 924 |
| | DD19 | 1814 | 66 | 300340 | 43 | 45887 | 65 | 2727 | 50 | 1600 |
| | DD21 | 15600 | 99 | 625352 | 61 | 173383 | 82 | 28000 | 31 | 63 |
| | DD22 | 33826 | 99 | 921860 | 54 | 152099 | 97 | 21000 | 58 | 115 |
| | DD24 | 34249 | 59 | 72118 | 60 | 8000 | 93 | 1120 | 63 | 882 |
| | DD25 | 24311 | 98 | 589762 | 73 | 191010 | 97 | 8062 | 98 | 101 |
| | DD26 | 21556 | 77 | 1836632 | 61 | 605068 | 89 | 10000 | 78 | 262 |
| | DD27 | 29737 | 73 | 605068 | 89 | 242195 | 90 | 11226 | 93 | 0 |
| | DD28 | 1362 | 57 | 279888 | 44 | 53492 | 52 | 1766 | 66 | 600 |
| | TOTALS | 448,924 | 82 | 10509772 | 67 | 2539349 | 88 | 221213 | 55 | 13362 |

# Distribution Depots

| DEPOT | MISSION ESSENTIALITY | MISSION SUITABILITY | OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY | EXPANDABILITY | TOTAL POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | G | G | Y | R | G 697 |
| 2) NORFOLK | G | G | Y | R | G 693 |
| 3) MECHANICSBURG | Y | G | G | Y | G 659 |
| 4) HILL | G | G | Y | R | G 652 |
| 5) TRACY | Y | G | G | Y | G 644 |
| 6) CHARLESTON | Y | G | G | R | G 638 |
| 7) SAN ANTONIO | G | Y | Y | G | G 631 |
| 8) SAN DIEGO | Y | G | G | R | G 602 |
| 9) NEW CUMBERLAND | Y | Y | Y | G | G 600 |
| 10) PENSACOLA | Y | Y | G | R | Y 575 |
| [redacted] | Y | Y | R | G | Y 573 |
| 12) RICHMOND CITY | Y | Y | Y | R | Y 572 |
| 13) MEMPHIS | Y | Y | Y | R | Y 552 |
| 14) OAKLAND | R | Y | Y | G | Y 540 |
| 15) SHARPE | Y | R | Y | Y | Y 525 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16) JACKSONVILLE | Y | R | G | R | Y 518 |
| 17) CHERRY POINT | Y | R | G | R | Y 510 |
| 18) TOOELE | Y | R | Y | Y | Y 493 |
| 19) McCLELLAN | Y | Y | R | R | Y 490 |
| 20) PUGET SOUND | Y | R | G | R | Y 472 |
| 21) TOBYHANNA | Y | Y | R | R | Y 465 |
| 22) OKLAHOMA CITY | Y | Y | R | R | Y 459 |
| 23) COLUMBUS | R | R | G | R | R 448 |
| 24) CORPUS CHRISTI | Y | R | R | R | R 424 |
| 25) LETTERKENNY | R | R | R | Y | R 416 |
| 26) ANNISTON | Y | R | Y | R | R 396 |
| 27) RED RIVER | R | R | R | Y | R 362 |
| 28) ALBANY | R | R | R | R | R 337 |
| 29) BARSTOW | R | R | R | R | R 335 |

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| 10) PENSACOLA | Y | Y | G | R | Y 575 |
| [redacted] | Y | Y | R | G | Y 573 |
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| 13) MEMPHIS | Y | Y | Y | R | Y 552 |
| 14) OAKLAND | R | Y | Y | G | Y 540 |
| 15) SHARPE | Y | R | Y | Y | Y 525 |

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# Distribution Depots

| DEPOT | MISSION ESSENTIALITY | MISSION SUITABILITY | OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY | EXPANDABILITY | TOTAL POINTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16) JACKSONVILLE | Y | R | G | R | Y 518 |
| 17) CHERRY POINT | Y | R | G | R | Y 510 |
| 18) TOOELE | Y | R | Y | Y | Y 493 |
| 19) McCLELLAN | Y | Y | R | R | Y 490 |
| 20) PUGET SOUND | Y | R | G | R | Y 472 |
| 21) TOBYHANNA | Y | Y | R | R | Y 465 |
| 22) OKLAHOMA CITY | Y | Y | R | R | Y 459 |
| 23) COLUMBUS | R | R | G | R | R 448 |
| 24) CORPUS CHRISTI | Y | R | R | R | R 424 |
| 25) LETTERKENNY | R | R | R | Y | R 416 |
| 26) ANNISTON | Y | R | Y | R | R 396 |
| 27) RED RIVER | R | R | R | Y | R 362 |
| 28) ALBANY | R | R | R | R | R 337 |
| 29) BARSTOW | R | R | R | R | R 335 |

BRAC 93 DATA CALL (REVISED JANUARY 13, 1993)

D.6 Throughput - Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah

D.6.1 Facility throughput capacity (lines in/lines out) for an eight hour day.

| FACILITY | THROUGHPUT CAPACITY (Lines in) | (Lines out) |
|---|---|---|
| OGDEN Facility (DLA) | 4,000 | [redacted] |
| HILL Facility (located at Hill AFB) | 1,100 | 10,254 |
| TOOELE Facility (located at Tooele AD) | 300 | 1,920 |
| | 5,400 | 35,351 |

The data is based on design throughput capabilities of DDOU and Hill Mechanized Material Handling Systems and equipment (MMHS and MHE). Tooele has 12 automated carrousels each with a pick rate of 20 lines/hour (12 x 8 x 20 = 1,920/day).

The Hill and Ogden Facilities have highly automated central receiving functions using powered conveyers, diverters and sorters with respective daily capacities of 1,100 receipts for Hill and 4,000 for Ogden. Tooele has a central receiving facility using powered conveyors and diverters with 300 receipts per day capability.

See the attached letter validating the above figures

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James J. Stitzer, x7342
James Stitzer

INITIAL INPUT

FROM DDOU FACILITES

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D.1 Identify the DLA Storage capacity at each installation/ facility (do not include leased storage from private source). Source: Storage Space Management Report, July 1992.

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|---|---|---|---|
| D.1.1 | Inside Storage: | 5,645,376 | Gross Square Feet |
| D.1.2 | | 33,652,000 | Gross Cubic Feet |
| D.1.3 | | 80 | Percent Occupied (percent occupied based on net space available for storage). |
| D.1.4 | Covered Storage: | 1,086,918 | Gross Square Feet |
| D.1.5 | | 7,453,076 | Gross Cubic Feet |
| D.1.6 | | 88 | Percent Occupied (percent occupied based on net space available for storage). |
| D.1.7 | Outdoor Storage: | 15,082,000 | Gross Square Feet |
| D.1.8 | | 48 | Percent Occupied (improved) |
| D.1.9 | | Not Applicable | Percent Occupied (unimproved) (percent occupied based on net space available for storage; 10,162,000 GSF is in standby status). |

D.2 No leased storage space from a private contractor/company.

D.3 Identify. Source: Storage Space Management Report, July 1992.

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|---|---|---|
| D.3.1 | 1,389,777 | Bin locations/58 percent occupied. |
| D.3.2 | 74,679 | Rack locations/88 percent occupied. |
| D.3.3 | 31,823,000 | Attainable Cubic feet of Bulk Storage/89 percent occupied |

D.5 Materiel Storage:

D.5.1 No materiel stored improperly.
D.5.2 Not applicable.

D.9 Were deliveries/shipment delays due to weather conditions or natural calamities during the past five years? If so, explain.

Infrequent delays of air traffic out of Hill AFB and Salt Lake City International have occurred in the past five years. We have also experienced some minor delays in surface movement because of snow and floods.

Note: The above statement applies to all three facilities.

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate the opportunity to express my concern over the closing of Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU). As an employee of DDOU I can understand the emotion and stress suffered by all employees, nation wide, who are having their jobs discontinued because of Military down-sizing; however, the serious nature of this action requires input not only from the DDOU/Hill Committee, working so hard to let you know how important both facilities are to our national security, but also from rank and file employees like myself.

I understand the same criteria is used to evaluate all DOD Facilities so that the process is fair and honest. We at Defense Depot Ogden feel this obligation has been violated, and that many of the true facts and figures provided to your committee have been distorted and skewed to show a very negative picture of DDOU. A good-natured competitive spirit has always flourished among the Depots and we have always put forth the added effort to maintain a number one rating in every aspect of shipping, storage, and receiving. The present role we play makes it difficult to be recognized for our unique ideas and abilities.

Again may I express our desire to be treated according to facts and figures that can and will be proven. In final judgement, if our Depot does not meet the criteria through fair examination, we are prepared to humbly accept closure with the best frame of mind possible.

Jan Baide

Respectfully,
Jan Baide

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Mr. Allan J. Dixon
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Dear Mr. Dixon,

I'm writing about my concern that Defense Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU) has been listed for closure under BRAC.

Yes, I am an employee and my job is affected, but my concern stems from the fact that I am also an Army Reservist for 25 years and that the Defense posture of our country is being affected.

I realize the need for downsizing and heartily support it. I am concerned that the approach needs to be well thought out based on our projected Defense needs for the coming years. With that strategy established we then need to develop a strong, valid set of criteria against which to evaluate each type of Defense Installation. If this approach is honestly and fairly taken then those installations that meet the set criteria should be kept, the others offered for closure.

This is the part of the process that bothers me. DLA did set up, what seems to be, a good set of criteria. But then several things happened. One, either inadvertently or with purpose, some of the data for DDOU was either misstated or misaligned to another Installation. Two, DLA did not adhere to a consistent application of its criteria to each Installation. Where it suited DLA's purpose they discarded or downgraded the importance of certain criteria.

DLA winds up with two primary distribution centers (PDCs) about 25 miles apart in Northern California. This area is in a very active earthquake zone and both PDC's could be affected with a major earthquake. This would leave no back up in the Western United States.

DDOU, with very convenient access to virtually every major Interstate in the West and close proximity to major railroad lines, can easily support the West coast from Seattle to San Diego. In some cases we

can provide material to the West Coast quicker and more cost effectively that the sites in N. California.

Another concern I have is that our Region Headquarters in California has directed the Commander of DDOU to not discuss certain factual matters such as through-put capacity and expandability with the BRAC visit later this month. Now if we are trying to make good solid decisions based on important, nation supporting criteria, WHY is important information being withheld from the group tasked with the responsibility to decided who stays and who goes????

As a member of the military, I want to know that if and when I am mobilized that a support base is there to allow me to do my job. I want to know that we have done our best to keep the best and most capable installations that give us the most "bang for the buck". I'm not convinced the process to insure that is being followed.

If done right and fairly and DDOU still falls out OK. At least let's make sure we look at those things that are of military significance and that the process is applied consistently and fairly across the board so that we can provide the best support to our men and women in the military.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has proven itself time and time again in meeting the challenges of mission accomplishment and cost savings.

DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I feel the need to sit down and write you about the D.D.O. closure or the Hill closure.

I feel both are need for our safety, I can remember when I was younger it being said how important both are as they are both no. 1 in geting the things the men & women in the military during one world war, Korea, Vietnam (Police action), Grenada, Hurricane Andrew, Desert Storm, Desert Shield. Its also been said many a time the base on the coast could be hit by an enemy, but the bases inside would be safer.

I sure hope we don't close all these base and get hit like we did with our ports down again.

D.D.O. is very important to me as I earned my living there for 15 years. I retired early in 8-1993 for the most part, my health problems.

I had 3 children that worked as stays in school at D.D.O. One daughter did go on to get a job at D.D.O. after a couple years of college. She got caught up in a riff and went to Hill Field,

where she is still working. She has worked her way up to a very good position.

My dear father also worked at D.D.O. after moving off the ranch in Idaho. I was a young girl when my father worked at the D.D.O. He retired after some health problems.

I've also had some members of family. (Cousin, uncle, aunts) at one time or other worked DDO and Hill Field.

My sister (younger) than me will be retiring this June.

As you can see DDO / Hill has made our (family) living from these Bases. Being dependable and trying to fullfilling the needs of most of the wars and the hurricane, earthquakes, floods and so forth. Our (also) Co-worker putting forth the effort and extra time to get the material and Hospitals to these people in need.

I can't see how the government could close a Base when they have been No. 1 and always get it done if a problem somewhere in the world.

I hope you will think this over!!

thank you
Zelma B. Bailey

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These and many other documented facts would lead one to believe that DDOU would be around and continue to do its cost-saving, efficient job for many years to come.

Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure? Was the recommendation truly based on the BRAC criteria diligently collected and submitted, or is it another "undocumented" political maneuver?

You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

As an employee of Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU), I am concerned not only for myself, but for all employees and their families at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close this particular instillation.

Defense Distribution Depot Ogden has proven itself time and time again, not only during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm/Desert Shield, hurricane Andrew and other world conflicts and disasters. Over the years DDOU has been the testing depot for new computer systems which have been successfully achieved and implemented throughout Defense Logistics Agency(DLA), such as MOWASP, DEWASP, and the new system presently being tested DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installation Program and have ranked number one for the past several years. We were also instrumental in the workforce Certification Program and the ME Hand-Held computer scanners. Over all as a hole, DDOU has proven its self to be number #1. Just compare our track record to other depots/facilities and the facts will speak for themselves. We have high productivity, work quality, customer support and satisfaction.

It certainly doesn't make good business sense to close an operation that has contributed so much to the community, the national defense, the world as a hole and the effective and efficient operation of DLA. We have the capabilities to continue to serve if given half a chance. It also doesn't make good business sense to close a Depot facility which has a professional highly trained and educated workforce; the most cost effective to operate, has upgraded building facilities, is easily assessable and has space availability for expanding; not to mention the social and economic impact which closing this facility would have on the community.

Some questions which need to be addressed.

A. Why would facilities i.e. Tracy want hazardous materials when they turned the operation over to DDOU, due to Calif's restrictions on disposal.

B. Why does DDOU have the DepMeds function; Because the environmentsl conditions in California and Texas were inadequate.

C. Why does DLA want to relocate there Depots to the East and West coasts where all of there eggs are in one basket; so to speak.

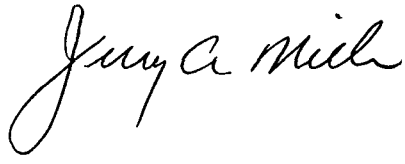
D. Why close a Depot that can easily expand to accomidate more material and leave several Depots open that cannot expand and are limited on space.

E. Why has DDOU been DLA's test facility: Because they know the employees can work the bugs out and if we can't do it no one can. We have proven ourselves to be very capable.
F. Why is there an effort by the Tracy Depot to make us look bad by not giving us any support to accomplish the mission given us.
G. Why is it that we only took 3 down days to get the new DSS system running at our Depot but Tracy needs a full 30 days to do the same thing.

In time of conflict it is better to not have all the eggs in one basket. DDOU is more centrally and uniquely located and has access to rail facilities on base and air facilities which are only a few miles away. Dosen't it make good sence to have a back-up to San Joaquin! We have two DLA facilities on the east coast and more on the west coast where most of the disasters in this country happen.

The task of determining which facilities to beclosed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, through following the guidelines which have been set for determining this action I am confident that you will agree, keeping Defense Depot Ogden Utah open is vital to DLA and the missions we serve through out the world.

Respectfully



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28 March 1995

TO: Alan J. Dixon, Chairman, 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

SUBJECT: DoD Recommendation to Close Defense Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU) Defense Distribution Region West (DDRW), Defense Logistics Agency

1. AFGE Local 2721 is the exclusive bargaining unit representative for the DDOU Ogden Site which has been submitted to you for closure, under BRAC 95, by the Defense Logistics Agency and Department of Defense (DoD).

2. This Local is concerned whether DLA and specifically, DDRW, used the proper criteria in recommending DDOU for closure. We also have reason to question whether the data forwarded to the DoD, and consequently to you, was accurate. For example, in December 1994, during proceedings before Federal Service Impasse Panel Representatives, the Deputy Director of Distribution, DDRW, stated that DDOU's unit cost was around $31. He further stated that they, DDRW, had significant concerns about DDOU. Upon our representatives return to Utah we discovered, from top managers at DDOU, that our unit cost was $21.45.

3. In it's press release, DLA states that it's assessment of it's infrastructure included: opportunities to reduce overall costs, achieve agency-wide efficiencies, and increase the level of support it provides to the military services. We wish you to give consideration to the following in this regard:

a. **Opportunities to Reduce Overall Costs.** DDOU has been doing more with less for many years as is reflected in our unit cost of $21.45, which has been consistently low. We have also been successful in attracting and accomplishing a significant reimbursable workload through our assembly and disassembly of Deployable Medical (DEPMEDS) Hospitals and units, Cylinder and Bearings projects. DDOU has also been instrumental in serving as a pilot depot for the implementation of many new programs e.g., the Defense Supply System (DSS) Computer Program which has been selected to unify and replace fragmented systems used by the services to control and handle supplies. The past has shown that when the DLA wanted a difficult or complicated project completed, they came to DDOU.

b. **Achieve Agency-Wide Efficiencies.** In 1993 the Peat Marwick Firm conducted an independant study which showed that DDOU was the **most** efficient depot in DLA. In testifying before you, Major General Lawrence Farrell of the DLA discounted this study, regarding DDOU, by leading you to believe that DDOU's prime mission is "active binable" items as opposed to heavy items such as "anchors". This is not true. In briefings and videos given and produced by DDRW, DDOU is cited as the western region's prime hazardous material storage site.

These hazardous materials maintained at DDOU include large items such as 55 gallon drums of oil and anti-freeze, 100 lb. bags of urea and the like, as well as acids, poisons, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) etc. These items require employees to be trained in special handling, packing and transportation techniques which raises unit cost.

In about February 1993 DDOU was consolidated in DDRW. One of the Regions first initiatives moved DDOU's Fast Moving Item storage to the San Joaquin Depot in California.

DDOU also stores large items such as tents, tent frames, light sets, Continental X-Ray Units, ISO's and Mil Vans to support it's assembly of Deployable Medical Hospitals. DDOU also serves as a Long Term Storage site for said hospitals.

Furthermore, the Peat Marwick Study did take into account all factors in their efficiency review, including "binable" item storage. It does validly compare DDOU to other depots and should receive full consideration.

c. **Increase the Level of Support it provides to the Military Services.** Closing DDOU would leave San Joaquin as the only stand alone supply depot in the western region. From a strategic standpoint, DDOU has provided back-up support for many military conflicts. Most recently DDOU was able to meet supply needs that San Joaquin was unable to meet by itself during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm military action. An enemy could feasibly cripple the United States supply operations throughout the Pacific and Asia in one blow if San Joaquin was the only stand alone supply depot in the west. DDOU is also located about half-way between Mexico and Canada and about midway between the Pacific and Missippi River in an area typically known as the Hub of the West with intimate access to the rail system.

Also, please keep in mind that even with increased transportation costs, DDOU can still deliver to it's customers at a cheaper cost than our west coast competitors without any significant delays in delivery time.

4. AFGE Local 2721 requests that you consider this information carefully as you review the DoD recommendations for closure or realignment. As you do, we hope you will see that DDOU's efficiency and value warrant it's removal from the BRAC '95 list.

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We are concerned because we feel DDOU provides a necessary service to all Americans and many nations of the free world. The distribution service, customer support, and humanitarian relief provided by DDOU is of excellent quality and offers U.S. taxpayers an exceptional "Real Dollar" savings year after year, rather than adding to our already astronomically high national debt.

In an independent study of all DLA depots, conducted by Peat, Marwick Associates in 1993, DDOU is clearly identified as the depot which "represents the wisest use of taxpayer dollars" and "provides the best service of any depot in the entire nation".

If DDOU has consistently been rated as the best and most cost efficient depot in the nation, why has it been recommended for closure? What really is the rational behind the recommendation?

Major General Farrell is reported to have told the BRAC Commission that DLA's goal is to place all our nation's defense support structure on the coastal seaboards. Was this the rational behind the recommendation to close DDOU?

Historically, DoD has placed major storage and repair depots inland to keep them from "harms way" and out of easy reach of open sea lanes. From this standpoint, and in view of DDOU's demonstrated excellent work ethic, customer service record, and ability to provide real dollars savings to taxpayers, please help us provide a more secure future of freedom for all Americans by removing DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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DEAR SIRS:

I RECOMMEND THAT THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE CALIBRATION LABS LOCATED (I THINK) AS FOLLOWS. NAVY--POMONA CALIFORNIA AREA, AIR FORCE--OGDEN UTAH AREA, AND ARMY IN THE REDSTONE ARSENAL AREA. I AM NOT SURE IF THESE LOCATIONS ARE CORRECT. IN ANY CASE ALL THESE CALIBRATION LABS DO THE SAME JOB. THEY WRITE THE CALIBRATION PROCEDURES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES.

I HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN READING THE PROCEDURES PRODUCED AND HAVE FOUND THAT UP TO 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF THEM ARE THE SAME, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING THE LOGO AND ASSIGNED PROCEDURE NUMBER.

ALL OF THESE CAL LABS COULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ONE ORGANIZATION TO PRODUCE ONE SET OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES FOR ALL SERVICES UNDER ONE SET OF PROCEDURE NUMBERS. THIS WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY THE NEEDS OF THE USERS.

ADDITIONALLY THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED WOULD BE REDUCED BY TWO THIRDS. THE AMOUNT OF PAPER WOULD BE REDUCED BY SOMEWHERE THE SAME AMOUNT.

THE LOGICAL PLACE TO COMBINE THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS.

AT THE SAME TIME MAYBE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER COULD BE ISSUED TO CAUSE ALL CONTRACTORS USING GOVERNMENT SUPPLIED CALIBRATION PROCEDURES TO USE THE LATEST REVISION OF THE APPLICABLE CALIBRATION PROCEDURE CALLED OUT IN THEIR CONTRACT. I KNOW OF SEVERAL CONTRACTS THAT CALL OUT A SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND IT'S REVISION NUMBER. OFTEN LATER REVISIONS ARE MADE BUT EVEN THOUGH BETTER CANNOT BE USED BECAUSE OF THE CONTRACT CALLOUT.

THANK YOU
James L. Barfell
JAMES L. BARFELL

Ogden

March 26, 1995

Dear Commissioner Robles:

Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah is recommended for closure by its parent agency, The Defense Logistics Agency. The nation will loose its most cost effective DLA depot(Peat Marwick independent report for DLA, 1993), and according to DLA it's third rated depot with regard to active military value.

For years in succession, DDOU was the crowning jewel in the DLA system, having perenially received the DLA Model Installation Award, Summerial Recognition for Excellence from President Ronald Reagan, and recognition and heart felt thanks from the victorious troops of the Persian Gulf War.

Returning Persian Gulf officers paid visits to DDOU and its personnel to thank them for the quality and rapidity of their service in sending scores of deployable hospitals and numerous other itmes, imperative for victory in the war against Iraq. These veterans told Ogden depot workers to never forget that Ogden was always synonomous with quality, and quality meant everything to them in the war.

In short, DLA's oversighted recommendation to close DDOU was not based on how well its depots get the job done or the associated dollar cost required. DLA used what it calls its vision for the future regarding the logistics needs of America. This vision of the future disregards the success of lack of success its depots demonstrated in providing quality, timely logistics support to the men and women in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.

DLA has not yet considered Ogden's 1991 record of excellence in a complicated, real, middle east war as relevant. DLA who rates Ogden as number 3 in active military value has opted to close Ogden while keeping open the Richmond Depot it rates as 4 and the Columbus Depot it rates as 6. Fortunately, DLA and BRAC have time to correct this enormous error.

In the scenario of DLA's vision of the future, Tracy-Sharp Depot in California will need to construct many new warehouses to fulfill its role as the sole DLA Depot in the western United States. Meanwhile, the taxpayer has splendid warehouse facilities at DDOU that will not fulfill their intended purpose.

As the facts become manifest, the DLA vision is clearly out of focus, and way out of tune with the spirit of BRAC. This is not what America wants.

Recognizing your experience and expertise in preparedness and readiness, I am confident that you will make a final decision anchored to all relevant facts and based upon the importance of advantages. I am sure you will perceive the overwhelming advantages of maintaing and even enhancing the role of DDOU.

Thomas Sawyer

Chairman Alan J. Dixon
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Mr. Chairman,

I'm confused. Large national retail companies (Payless, Walmart, etc.) are making Utah their west coast distribution points while the Federal Government and DOD wants to close down their already established west coast distribution point at the Defense Distribution Depot, Ogden, Utah.

Why do you think there is so much interest from different companies intaking over the warehouses located at DDOU? Because of the location and size of it, the Depot is a HOT property which, if Defense Distribution Region West and DLA have their way, will soon be available at a reasonable price. Although I'm no economist, someone in the business world is and they have decided, for whatever reasons, that Utah is THE prime location for storage facilities. Maybe its because they have to make their decision based on a financial statement.

Please take a long look at what the impact may be on the distribution system. It just makes a lot of sense to keep this depot around because of the ideal location and dry climate.

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Chairman Dixon,

I am a concerned employee of Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, and I am writing to express my concerns. I believe that the commission needs to take into consideration afew points that I would like to bring to your attention. I realize that you have already heard and will continue to hear about DDDOU being the number one DLA Depot for years and years. This may or may not have any bearing on closure. However, my concern is that along with being the number one Depot comes being the most cost efficient Depot. It really doesn't matter what types of stock we handle, DDDOU would still be as efficient regardless of what stock we handled. Also my concerns lie in the servicing of our customers. DDRW being located in a high risk area for disasters and being limited on what they can store because of the humidity around the coast and the condition of their warehouses should be considered. I believe it may not be a good tactical move to limit the Western States service to one Depot especially with the above mentioned circumstances. If for any reason DDRW were involved in a disaster, doesn't it make good sense to have another Depot close to continue service to the customer?

Another concern I have is the criteria used to put DDDOU on the closure list in the first place. Overall it is my understanding DDDOU scored high in every category used in the BRAC analysis. Why close an installation just because it is not located on the Coast? There are numberous inland customers to be serviced and can be better serviced by a Depot located closer to their installations. There is alot of area between the Coasts, and an inland Depot can be beneficial.

I believe that DDDOU also has the largest reimbursable work load, this should be a plus for not only the customers but for DLA. The wages and overhead of the employees working this reimbursable work load are paid by the customer, not DLA. Our customers are extremely happy with the results they are seeing at Ogden and infact located here because of the quality product we provide and because of the inland location, they are not concerned about the elements here. DLA agreed to the reimbursable work they should hold up their end of the bargain. Everyone in Government keeps talking about change and how good it is, this is a good change for DLA.

If Politics are not part of the criteria then DDDOU should not have been put on the closure list in the first place, but now that it has been, it should be removed from that list.

Thank You,

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Chairman Alan J Dixon

Dear sir

Please do what you can do to leave the DDO in Ogden, Utah open. If closed it means the loss of hundred jobs in Ogden. It would mean hundreds of jobs lost. And in turn sould cause other businesses to lose custermours.

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28 March 1995

Chairman Alan J Dixon
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Dear Chairman Dixon:

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden Utah (DDOU), I am naturally concerned about the depot closure and the way it is being handled (mishandled) by Region West (DDRW).

I understand and accept that government cuts and realignment are a necessary part of our future. A feeling of insensitivity is apparent in DDRW's actions to achieve this objective. We have not felt in control of our destinies since we merged with California's Region West facilities.

Consider the relevance of DDOU:

---Excellent storage facilities, adequate land, low-humidity environment for storage/disposal of industrial, electronic, medical, and hazardous commodities. ---Accessibility to rail, ground, and air transportation and strategic location, protecting against coastal or air attack.

---Most cost effective DLA depot in the nation (Peat Marwick independent report, 1993).

---Perennial awards for Model Installation Program, Recognition for Excellence in 1991 during Mid-East War, rank of Number 3 (of 6 depots) in military value among DLA depots.

---Prototype for implementation of various computer systems--MOWASP, DWASP, and more recently, DLA-approved Defense Standard System (DSS).

---Ability and dedication of a quality-oriented, highly-educated, well-trained work force to meet the needs of our customers efficiently and timely. ---Excellent reputation in military and civilian population of DDOU's storage operations and deployment of critical supplies and services during peacetime and crisis situations.

To close DDOU wil cause emotional and financial instability in many families who have chosen to call Utah their home. We would like to continue to make our contributions in this less congested, less expensive, cleaner geographic area of Utah, with our years of government service intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Alan J. Dixon
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Mr. Chairman,

I am a blue collar employee of **Defense Depot Ogden, Utah**. I write you referencing the recently published *closure list* to make certain that before you, and your committee, make any irrevocable decisions, you at least hear a complaint made over and over again by myself and a great many other Wage Grade employees working here.

At the outset I feel it important to stipulate that in my view, we wage earners are the muscle and sinew of installations such as **DDOU**. We are the people who provide the actual physical labor: We move the stock; we clean the floors; and we repair the equipment. In short, we wage earners make the depot **GO**.

Throughout my employment within civil service I have struggled with managers who have attempted to implement various programs, policies and plans designed to enhance the work done by myself and other blue collar workers; plans designed to save money, plans to consolidate this, plans to beautify that - including, for example, the numerous and sundry attempts to make employee evaluations convincing to the employees being evaluated. In too many of these cases the attempts have been both ineffective and insulting to we who do the dirty work. Regardless of how fancy the packaging may be, our working conditions, our tasks and our problems rarely change. Stoically we bear up under the petty political parades which all too often founder on the lack of commitment made by managers who were 'left out of the loop', or were faced with problems 'unforeseen' by those who got the available credit for said proposals, or by managers who were just too jaded to care. The waste of time and resources by these people is legion and as such is doubly appalling.

Yet the pointing of fingers and the leveling of accusations does nothing more than confuse the issue, as you must know. The nature of the problem is mainly due to the way civil service is organized, and as well, no doubt, to the complexity of the tasks to be done. In the face of this blame-business, and the over bearing complexities of civil service, there is one small but exceedingly important point which always seems to be lost on the well healed, highly paid professionals (such a yourself) who have been tasked to

understanding as to just why work gets done in the first place.

Please be careful, Mr. Chairman, lest you find yourself believing over much in the realities of your own theories; cleaving to them in spite of what is happening in the real world. In your haste to save a buck by closing DDOU, which just may be the most inexpensive and convenient base to close (a crude sort of analysis conceived in terms of simple quantification would likely show this result), you will be sacrificing something called 'pride in accomplishment' (a quality which is a product of a way of life and which cannot easily be quantified and certainly cannot be manufactured). A recommendation in this direction will serve to condemn (anew) the efforts of past (and present) 'leadership', and will certainly further the rift which already exists between those of us who do the work (and who know what personal pride in accomplishment means), and those who, through a misguided sense of sophistication (a form of intellectual sophism) tend to believe that any outcome is good enough as long as it saves a buck (makes a buck!). Not even this great country can long endure that kind of attitude. I further suggest that should you close this base, you will find that elsewhere you will get inferior work at inflated costs, and whatever you thought you were going to save will be lost in the shuffle. And in the long run Mr. Chairman, you too will be adversely affected. I do hope you give these thoughts a fair hearing. Not all thinking people are attired in three-piece suits. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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28 March 1995

Chairman Alan J Dixon
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Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am an employee of Defense Depot Ogden (DDOU) who does not understand why, other than maybe a personal vendetta by Defense Depot Region West for this Depot to be nominated for closure.

This Depot has been top ranking for many years. We have been the test Depot for implementing new systems as MOWASP, DWASP and the latest is DSS an approved DLA system. We were given awards through the Model Installation Program, received the record of Excellence in 1991 during the Middle East War, and ranked number "3" in military value. DDOU is known for working at a low unit cost with effective utilization of resources.

The Strategic location was one of the determining factors for Depot closure. DDOU has a quick response time due to its central location. We can offer all types of transportation; truck (access to north-south, and east-west freeways), rail, and air (Hill AFB and SLC Airport close access).

Storage is another bonus for DDOU. We have the largest storage facility with upgraded buildings. Our climate is desirable for storage of items such as Industrial, Electronic and Medical (DEPMED) items because of our low humidity. We also accepted the hazardous materials function, storage and disposal. We already have the storage space and the trained personnel; to relocate would be costly.

To close this Depot would not only hurt the employees and cause an economic impact on the community, the nation would lose a Depot who is number "1" and who plans to stay as number "1" if only given a chance.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Alan J. Dixon
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Dear Chairman Dixon,

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden Utah, I am concerned not only for myself, but for all employees at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close this particular installation.

The DDOU workforce is dedicated to providing quality work at this installation. This service is provided at an affordable price. The price DDOU workforce is being asked to pay is not cost efficient by DOD or DLA standards. Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, as a whole, has proven itself time and time again; not only during Vietnam, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew, and other conflicts and disasters, that we can hold our own. Over the years DDOU has been the testing depot for new computer systems which have been implemented throughout DLA, such as MOWASP, DWASP, and the latest system being tested/implimented DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installation Program (MIP) and have ranked number one for several years. We were also instrumental in the Workforce Certification Program and the hand-held computer scanners. The DEPMEDS function speaks for itself as an exceptional operation.

It certainly does not make good business sense to close an operation that has contributed so much to the effective and efficient operation of the Defense Logistics Agency and has the capabilities to continue to serve if given half the chance.

It does not make sense to close a depot facility which is so highly trained, costs less to operate, has upgraded building facilities, is assessable and space availability; not to mention the social and economic impact which closing this facility would have on the community.

The location of DDOU is a factor not to overlook. DLA's "Future Plan" to locate its facilities along the East and West coast does not make a cost efficient operation. DDOU is centrally located to serve both East and West with the convenience of all types of transportation modes available. DDOU is strategically placed to protect against coastal or air attack. This site was chosen decades ago for a very important reason that should not be forgotten or lost in the "red tape" of the base closure recommendation.

Have these questions been addressed...

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The task of determining which facilities to close or realign is difficult. However, following the guidelines that have been set for determining this action I am confident you will agree, keeping Defense Distribution Depot Ogden open is vital to DLA and the customer support to its services.

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

As a member of the community in which it is located, I would like to speak against the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has consistently been a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has a well-educated and highly professional workforce which has contributed much to this community, our national defense, and the humanitarian relief of many nations of the world.

Over the years DDOU has been the "testing" depot for many new computer systems for DLA and DoD. MOWASP, DWASP, and other systems such as DSS currently being tested, have been perfected at DDOU and implemented throughout the U.S. defense system.

DDOU was the test facility for DLA's Model Installation Program and depot employee suggestions saved U.S. taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect. The depot received the prestigious DLA Model Installation Award for six consecutive years and was the only DLA depot to receive that award.

It doesn't seem to make good business sense to close a depot which has a conscientious, dependable workforce, has proven cost effective to operate, is easily accessible to highway, rail, and air shipping, has upgraded storage facilities, and also has expansion space available.

The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Chairman Dixon:

As a resident of Utah and the community surrounding Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU), I am concerned by the recommendation to close DDOU.

It has been reported that the functions at DDOU are to be moved to the west coast and this gives rise to many questions.

Why was DDOU rated so low this year, when records indicate the depot has consistently met or exceeded the criteria set for remaining a viable, functioning, low cost facility year after year?

How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned by the apparent policy to put "all our eggs in two baskets" by locating so many defense supply functions on the coasts? Wouldn't it be wiser to retain the most cost efficient, strategically located inland sites? DDOU has a demonstrated record of cost effectiveness and performance efficiency. It is centrally and uniquely located with access to major highway, rail, and air transportation facilities. The climate and environmental conditions are well-suited for long-term storage of items such as the DEPMEDS container hospitals, whereas coastal climates have proven detrimental to this function.

As you evaluate the closure recommendations and criteria, please consider these issues and the many others raised and send to you by members of the community surrounding DDOU. We feel you will come to agree with us that DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

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In an independent study of all DLA depots, conducted by Peat, Marwick Associates in 1993, DDOU is clearly identified as the depot which "represents the wisest use of taxpayer dollars" and "provides the best service of any depot in the entire nation".

If DDOU has consistently been rated as the best and most cost efficient depot in the nation, why has it been recommended for closure? What really is the rational behind the recommendation?

Major General Farrell is reported to have told the BRAC Commission that DLA's goal is to place all our nation's defense support structure on the coastal seaboards. Was this the rational behind the recommendation to close DDOU?

Historically, DoD has placed major storage and repair depots inland to keep them from "harms way" and out of easy reach of open sea lanes. From this standpoint, and in view of DDOU's demonstrated excellent work ethic, customer service record, and ability to provide real dollars savings to taxpayers, please help us provide a more secure future of freedom for all Americans by removing DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Alan J. Dixon, Chairman
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Mr. Chairman:

As a concerned citizen, I take this opportunity to express my concern regarding the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has proven itself cost effective and performance efficient time and time again. Not only during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm/ Desert Shield, and Hurricane Andrew, but in many other world conflicts and disasters.

Statistically, DDOU has been reported as the lowest cost depot in DLA and DoD, year after year. Depot employees have consistently demonstrated high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. DDOU has been the "depot of choice" selected by many Defense Service Centers when they have been given the opportunity to chose a depot to process their workloads.

These and many other documented facts would lead one to believe that DDOU would be around and continue to do its cost-saving, efficient job for many years to come.

Why then, has the "number one" depot suddenly been recommended for closure? Was the recommendation truly based on the BRAC criteria diligently collected and submitted, or is it another "undocumented" political maneuver?

You and the BRAC commission have the power to accept or reject the recommendation for closure. Please carefully consider the facts and allow DDOU to continue to provide cost effective service to our armed forces and dollar savings to the taxpayers of the United States by removing it from the Base Closure List.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Chairman Dixon:

I am currently employed at Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah. I was surprised to find us on the list recommended for closure. I don't know all the reasons and theories behind this decision. But I do know this. The employees at DDO TAKE PRIDE in the work they do and would like the opportunity to continue to do so. I think our record for support during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew and other emergencies as well as every day activities speaks for itself. We worked long and hard to see our customers were served quickly and professionally.

I think you need to look again at the valuable geographic area in which this depot lies. It is suited perfectly for the Deployable Medical Units (Dep Meds). We have no corrosive salt air like the east and west coast areas. With Hill AFB close by we have a good hookup for air transportation. It is my understanding that during the recent rain in California that the Tracy Depot could not ship anything out for 5 days due to a washed out bridge. What if the Defense Dept. needed supplies for military maneuvers at that time? Every area is vulnerable to disasters at one time or another. Is it smart to keep all our eggs in one basket? I don't think so.

I realize there must be cutbacks and downsizing. Can't this be done through attrition and then consolidation rather than just plain closures? I think it can. All I'm asking is that you look again and reconsider the decision to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I realize your days are very busy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden Utah, I am concerned not only for myself, but for all employees at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close this particular installation.

The DDOU workforce is dedicated to providing quality work at this installation. This service is provided at an affordable price. The price DDOU workforce is being asked to pay is not cost efficient by DOD or DLA standards. Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, as a whole, has proven itself time and time again; not only during Vietnam, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew, and other conflicts and disasters, that we can hold our own. Over the years DDOU has been the testing depot for new computer systems which have been implemented throughout DLA, such as MOWASP, DWASP, and the latest system being tested/implimented DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installation Program (MIP) and have ranked number one for several years. We were also instrumental in the Workforce Certification Program and the hand-held computer scanners. The DEPMEDS function speaks for itself as an exceptional operation.

It certainly does not make good business sense to close an operation that has contributed so much to the effective and efficient operation of the Defense Logistics Agency and has the capabilities to continue to serve if given half the chance.

It does not make sense to close a depot facility which is so highly trained, costs less to operate, has upgraded building facilities, is assessable and space availability; not to mention the social and economic impact which closing this facility would have on the community.

The location of DDOU is a factor not to overlook. DLA's "Future Plan" to locate its facilities along the East and West coast does not make a cost efficient operation. DDOU is centrally located to serve both East and West with the convenience of all types of transportation modes available. DDOU is strategically placed to protect against coastal or air attack. This site was chosen decades ago for a very important reason that should not be forgotten or lost in the "red tape" of the base closure recommendation.

Have these questions been addressed...

1. Hazardous Materials Function: Utah has accepted the responsibilities and requirements of this program, other states have many restrictions on storage/disposal of HAZMAT, where could this program be relocated?

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The task of determining which facilities to close or realign is difficult. However, following the guidelines that have been set for determining this action I am confident you will agree, keeping Defense Distribution Depot Ogden open is vital to DLA and the customer support to its services.

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Dear Chairman Dixon:

I am an employee of Defense Distribution Depot Ogden (DDOU), which has been recommended for BRAC closure by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). This letter is written in behalf of myself, my follow employees and all of our families. We all certainly feel the sting of DLA's recommendation. We are concerned because we feel that we provide our fellow Americans, and the entire free world an honest and necessary service. This service is of excellent quality and provides taxpayers an exceptional "REAL DOLLAR" savings rather than an addition to our already astronomically high national debt.

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I strongly urge you to reconsider, and keep Utahns' who have continually demonstrated an excellent work ethic, excellent customer service and a real dollar savings to taxpayers in the very jobs which are now threatened. Let's keep both Hill AFB

and DDOU up and running for a more secure freedom for all Americans.

I do sincerly appreciate your time, energy and support on our behalf.

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How can the hazardous materials storage function be moved to the west coast when it was originally placed at DDOU in part due to California's restrictions on disposal of such materials?

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Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

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Historically, DoD has placed major storage and repair depots inland to keep them from "harms way" and out of easy reach of open sea lanes. From this standpoint, and in view of DDOU's demonstrated excellent work ethic, customer service record, and ability to provide real dollars savings to taxpayers, please help us provide a more secure future of freedom for all Americans by removing DDOU from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Alan J. Dixon
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Dear Chairman Dixon:

I am currently employed at Defense Distribution Depot Ogden Utah. I was surprised to find us on the list recommended for closure. I don't know all the reasons and theories behind this decision. But I do know this. The employees at DDO TAKE PRIDE in the work they do and would like the opportunity to continue to do so. I think our record for support during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew and other emergencies as well as every day activities speaks for itself. We worked long and hard to see our customers were served quickly and professionally.

I think you need to look again at the valuable geographic area in which this depot lies. It is suited perfectly for the Deployable Medical Units (Dep Meds). We have no corrosive salt air like the east and west coast areas. With Hill AFB close by we have a good hookup for air transportation. It is my understanding that during the recent rain in California that the Tracy Depot could not ship anything out for 5 days due to a washed out bridge. What if the Defense Dept. needed supplies for military maneuvers at that time? Every area is vulnerable to disasters at one time or another. Is it smart to keep all our eggs in one basket? I don't think so.

I realize there must be cutbacks and downsizing. Can't this be done through attrition and then consolidation rather than just plain closures? I think it can. All I'm asking is that you look again and reconsider the decision to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. I realize your days are very busy.

Sincerely,

Kate Howard

CC: Brac Committee

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I am an employee of Defense Depot Ogden and I feel I need to express my opinion.

DDO has alway been ready, willing, and able to answer the call of duty whenever necessary.

During Desert Storm we performed 100% inspection on all shipments going off base. We worked round the clock during the Vit Nam era. We answered to call of duty during the time the tent city was being established for the Haitian refugees. We went above and beyond during Hurricane Andrews. During all these crises the regular work was being performed in a timely manner.

It is my opinion the information given to the Brac team is erroneous and does not reflect the type of work performed.

DDO has always had the best "on time" record for processing of receipts and shipping. We have the lowest unit cost of all DLA installations not to mention the most storage space with the modern equipment necessary. The environment is most conducive for all types of commodities being stored here.

The Supply Centers (DESC, DCSC, DGSC, DISC, DPSC) have chosen DDO as the sight to have their stock stored because of the efficient and timely way the work is done. We have an electronic lab on sight which can test items whenever a question or problem arises. We have 2 sets of Johnson Gages where other DLA depots have none.

DDO is also located in a hub of all types of transportation.

It's about time our government start making wise decision and are cost effective. Isn't that the purpose for BRAC; to down size and save money? How can it be effective to close one base that has all the storage area needed and build a new facility?

I know you have been flooded with letters but now I feel I voiced my opinion

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Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Chairman:

As a member of the community in which it is located, I would like to speak against the recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU).

DDOU has consistently been a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has a well-educated and highly professional workforce which has contributed much to this community, our national defense, and the humanitarian relief of many nations of the world.

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DDOU was the test facility for DLA's Model Installation Program and depot employee suggestions saved U.S. taxpayers over $5 million during the years the program was in effect. The depot received the prestigious DLA Model Installation Award for six consecutive years and was the only DLA depot to receive that award.

It doesn't seem to make good business sense to close a depot which has a conscientious, dependable workforce, has proven cost effective to operate, is easily accessible to highway, rail, and air shipping, has upgraded storage facilities, and also has expansion space available.

The task of determining which facilities should be closed or realigned is difficult to be sure. However, as you evaluate the criteria which has been set for determining these actions and judge the depot on its merits, I am confident you will agree that keeping DDOU open will be highly beneficial to our national defense and the missions served throughout the world. Please remove DDOU from the Base Closure List.

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Mr. Chairman:

The recommendation to close Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, UT (DDOU) is of great concern to me and the members of this community, as well as the depot employees and their families.

In reviewing the information in the DLA Detail Analysis supporting their recommendation, we question the validity of the selection based on the criteria requested by your commission. There are innumerable areas where the facts and figures don't seem to "add up".

DDOU has a well-earned reputation for being a cost effective and performance efficient depot. It has proven itself time and time again in meeting the challenges of mission accomplishment and cost savings.

DDOU has developed, tested, and implemented many computer systems and improvements for DLA and DoD. The depot was also instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Workforce Certification Program and the use of the ME hand-held computer scanners used for inventory and location accuracy.

Over all, as DDOU's "track record" is compared to other depots and facilities, the facts will speak for themselves. DDOU consistently demonstrates high work quality, productivity, and customer support and satisfaction. How can this history of success and achievement suddenly NOT be enough to justify DDOU's continued existence as a major distribution site in DoD?

Please carefully evaluate the facts. I'm confident you will conclude that for the good of our military forces and the people of the United States DDOU should be removed from the Base Closure List.

Sincerely,

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21 March 1995

Chairman, Alan J. Dixon
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Dear Chairman Dixon,

As an employee of Defense Depot Ogden Utah, I am concerned not only for myself, but for all employees at this facility regarding the BRAC decision to close this particular installation.

The DDOU workforce is dedicated to providing quality work at this installation. This service is provided at an affordable price. The price DDOU workforce is being asked to pay is not cost efficient by DOD or DLA standards. Defense Distribution Depot Ogden, as a whole, has proven itself time and time again; not only during Vietnam, Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew, and other conflicts and disasters, that we can hold our own. Over the years DDOU has been the testing depot for new computer systems which have been implemented throughout DLA, such as MOWASP, DWASP, and the latest system being tested/implimented DSS. We were the test facility for the Model Installation Program (MIP) and have ranked number one for several years. We were also instrumental in the Workforce Certification Program and the hand-held computer scanners. The DEPMEDS function speaks for itself as an exceptional operation.

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Dear Chairman Dixon,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and as an employee at Defense Depot Ogden.

I do understand our country's position in reducing military infrastructure and I do appreciate the difficult decisions that the commission has to make in the next few months regarding the future of many installations.

Those decisions that you and the commission have to make need to be based on good business sense, leaving politics and prejudice out. This whole exercise is based on reducing government spending and more effectiveness.

The Defense Depot Ogden has always been the top rated depot in DLA for efficiency and quality of work. Our BRAC numbers can bear that out.

DLA's decision was based on the fact that they want to move depot operations to the coast, with total disregard to the criterion established to select candidates for closure. This does not make good business sense.

At a time when private companies are relocating away from the coasts to become more central to all of their customers, DLA is going in the opposite direction.

If the decision to close depots within DLA was being made by the supply centers and customers, Defense Depot Ogden would be the last one to go based on the excellent service we provide and the way we do our job.

Jerry Kidman

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March 26, 1995

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March 26

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Upon writing this letter you ~~to please~~ do not close Ogden, Ut. in [redacted] this base to hold Ogden, Ut. together and for all the important and protective thing we have at the base!

I have been to the base and seen all that goes on there for our country's safety. Please reconsider this very important issue.

Thank you

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3/26/95

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DDOU is the home of the DEPMED program of hospital systems. They are deployable and were used successfully in the Persian Gulf War. If DDOU closes the DEPMED program will experience a 2-3 year "down time".

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The hospitals, or components of hospitals which we assemble here are utilized not only by our own US Armed Forces, but in the event of both man made and natural disasters world wide. These hospitals can be deployed to meet the needs of our customers in a matter of hours, and have been on a near regular basis.

My question deals with the cost of disbanding and moving an exceptionally efficient unit to another location, setting up operations, stock piling required materials, training new employees and developing the physical facilities required to support such an operation. Has any consideration been given of the costs incurred to accomplish this monumental task? Has anyone (DLA) taken into account the exceptional proficiency of the current infrastructure established by the US Army Medical Material Agency (USAMMA), or to the outstanding products now furnished by this existing unit? Even a local move of 20 miles to facilities at Hill Air Force Base in Layton Utah would incur astronomical costs, with added disruption in service to our customers world wide.

I implore you and your commission to consider all of these factors; cost effectiveness, customer support, proficiency already established before you completely close us down. Please consider a transfer of command responsibility, cost and accountability to USAMMA.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration and time. Not given an easy task, I wish you the best. You have the attention and support of all of us here.

Sincerely

Jackie Aubrecht

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Mr. Dixon

Im writing you again to express my outrage at the possible closure of D.D.O.U.!

Everyone knows the reason for the Base closings is to save money.

A couple of years ago a Col. Labounty took over as Commander of Reg. West, who we work under.Since then he has ordered alot of changes of us at D.D.O.U. I work in the Depmeds Div here and we use and must have thousands of parts. He ordered a change so we had to order everything to go through Tracy Calif.

I cant count how many Thousands of man hours this system has wasted and is still wasting! We sometimes have to wait for Months to get the parts we need.We are trying to get these Hospital units repaired and back in service as soon as possible, but it is hard to do when your work force has been cut in half and your parts system is a mess!

It is a known fact he hates us for some reason and wants our Jobs and work in Calif.

He is supposed to be our Comm. and leader, so why is he trying to close the most Cost Effective base under his Command?

This year he would not let us hold our Sub for Santa drive, we have always collected Thousands of Dollars at Christmas time for Needy familys of our Community. Is this the type of Person we want and pay to be our leader?

We understand he has been charged with and will be suspened because of a Sexual Harr. charge.

I think he should be replaced and send us back our workload he has taken from us.

Sincerely Max D. Newey

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Ogden, Utah
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Mr. Dixon

My name is Max D. Newey and I work at D.D.O.U., im sure you know we are on the list of closure this time.
We cant belive that the people who are suposed to be saveing the Gov. and people money are trying to do it backwards again!
I have worked at D.D.O.U. since 1984 and except for two years have been in the Depmeds Div.
It is a known fact that our wages and overhead have always been less than half of any other Base in the System!
The people of D.D.O.U. have been involved in the M.I.P. program from the start and have since saved the Gov. and tax paying people Millions of Dollars.
D.D.O.U. except for one year has been number one in this program since the start.
My self and the people of Utah are very concerned about this list and wrong decision that the Sec. has made.
Compared to the rest of the States with Gov. bases we are very small and these 1,100 jobs if lost will afect 29,000 realted jobs and Businessess in our Comm.
In 1988 D.D.O.U. recieved the Pres. Award for all Bases World wide! we are still number one and we would like to keep one as Number One!
The facts and figures are very clear, please dont do things backwards again as people with power have done in the past!

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SUBJECT: A plea to close of Onizuka A.F.B. as scheduled.

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As reported in the April 7 "Peninsula" Supplement of the *San Jose Mercury News*, the city councils of both Mtn. View and Sunnyvale have decided to use $75,000/each of taxpayer funds to lobby against the closure of Onizuka A.F.B. The *Mercury News* also reports the $150,000 will also secure the services of "a retired brigadier general who has been very successful in preventing or scaling down base closures."

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15 April 1995

The Hon. Benjamin F. Montoya,
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Defense Base Closure and
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SUBJECT: A plea to close of Onizuka A.F.B. as scheduled.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

As reported in the April 7 "Peninsula" Supplement of the *San Jose Mercury News,* the city councils of both Mtn. View and Sunnyvale have decided to use $75,000/each of taxpayer funds to lobby against the closure of Onizuka A.F.B. The *Mercury News* also reports the $150,000 will also secure the services of "a retired brigadier general who has been very successful in preventing or scaling down base closures."

In the interest of preserving an effective national defense, we **cannot afford to maintain a redundant and insecure base** in these years of a diminished D.O.D. budget. Some local government units will feel the effects of the closure. Ditto for some civilian contractors (Lockheed T.O.C., Loral and others) providing base support functions. My company's business will take a hit and I am also its principal shareholder. However, like many other suppliers of high-tech goods and services, we've made contingency plans to take up the loss of income from these sources and replace it with business in new markets (just as we have done in So. California).

By comparison to other California cities of the same size, Mtn. View is fundamentally a rich city, complete with a diverse and growing high-tech business base which is virtually independent of what happens at Onizuka AFB, the remaining DOD functions at Moffett Field, NASA Ames Research Center and the various support contractors. Local school districts may argue they will be severely impacted. However, their district boundaries have been gerrymandered and jury-rigged to maximize impact fund income from Onizuka and Moffett field. Their problems can be solved by a simple vote to merge, combine facilities and combine administrative staffs.

I make this recommendation as a 25-year resident and property owner in Mtn. View with good working knowledge of every city budget of the past 15 years. I have also served as an elected trustee (alble to understand a budget) in one of Mtn. View's **three** school districts. I would not make this recommendation if I did not believe we could recover from the base closing and re-alignments at NASA and Moffett Field. I would ask only that every attempt be made to coordinate the various steps of deactivation at Onizuka with scale-back programs at the neighboring NASA Ames Research Center.

My motive for taking time to write this letter is very simple. **I want my grandchildren to reach their maturity in a secure America where the primary governmental obligation is not paying the interest on the national debt.**

I have a journalist friend who has attended many of these facility closing hearings. I him to give me some of the usual arguments presented against closings. Enclosed you will find a refutation listing the perspective of many Mtn. View citizens, including myself.

Facility closings are not easy calls to make and I respect you for taking on a necessary task of national and societal survival which many of us would never accept. Good luck and may wisdom and a firm view of our children's future guide your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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# ARGUMENT: SHALL ONIZUKA AFB BE REDUCED AND CLOSED ON THE SCHEDULE PRESENTED TO THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION

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March 5, 1995

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Dear Senator Dixon:

The, so called, "end of the Cold War" brought about the political clamor for immediate massive reductions in our military.

Much was said about the millions of dollars that would be reaped from the sale of closed military bases. However, since government entities were given first choice for the properties, at no cost to them, the exact opposite has occured at Fort Ord in Monterey County, California and other bases. These non tax payers have acquired the majority of the properties, 90% in the case of Fort Ord, without the government receiving a penny. In fact, before these substandard and dangerous properties can used "us taxpayers" will pay millions to make them safe and bring them up to livable standards. Our tax dollars will be required in perpetuity for their maintenance.

The dumping of these properties on local real estate markets with the expectaion of immediate rich rewards flies in the face of all economic considerations.

In addition to military need, other considerations should be used in determining when bases should be closed. Will the immediate closing be profitable or should it be postponed and maintained at much less cost until it can be sold profitably?

I urge you and your Commission to postpone additional closings and slow the closings now in progress. This would save our taxpayers millions of dollars.

The newspaper items enclosed substantiate the content of my letter.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Shepner

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cc Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer

# Ord plans questioned

## Study sees need for new mix of uses

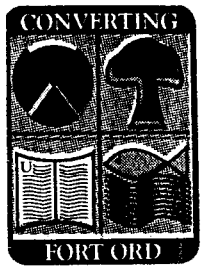
BY THOM AKEMAN
Herald Staff Writer

A marketing study of Fort Ord has concluded that the Monterey Bay region can absorb only about a fourth of the massive office and light industrial development envisioned in the current reuse plan.

The reuse plan also overestimates the demand for retail space in the next 50 years, according to a 200-page study prepared for the Army Corps of Engineers by Denise Duffy & Associates of Monterey.

But the reuse plan drawn by the defunct Fort Ord Reuse Group and taken over by the recently created Fort Ord Reuse Authority may have overlooked a market for two additional golf courses at Fort Ord and, ultimately, more than the 1,725 additional hotel rooms outlined in the plan.

The reuse plan also may have underestimated the volume of housing that can be built and sold




on the Fort Ord land, the report says.

The marketing study, which cost the Army $383,000, was released this week after The Herald filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Sacramento division of the Corps of Engineers. That office serves as the Army's real estate agent for Fort Ord.

The Army and some civilians concerned with the reuse of Fort Ord had been studying the Duffy report for about three months before it was publicly released.

Copies are to be placed in the Seaside and Monterey libraries. The board of the reuse authority is scheduled to discuss it at a July 28 meeting.

Jack Barlich, chairman of the authority's board and the mayor of Del Rey Oaks, said he got his copy of the Duffy report yesterday morning.

He said he doesn't anticipate any major changes in the reuse plan because of the report.

"There may be some minor

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# Report: Ord mix misses the mark

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changes, but I don't see any major ones," he said. "It's just what it is; it's a professional opinion."

The Duffy report goes in the mix with the Army's environmental impact statement on the closure of Fort Ord and the civilian authority's reuse plan, which won't become final until July 1995, Barlich said.

The reuse plan, which projects the creation of 60,000 jobs at Fort Ord in the next 50 years, proposes:

- 25.5 million square feet of commercial and business parks.
- 5 million square feet of retail space and central business districts.
- 1,725 hotel rooms in various conference centers and resort areas that could be built around the two existing golf courses at Fort Ord.
- 11,850 houses, condominiums and apartments for the private market, in addition to 6,400 additional housing units for California State University-Monterey Bay and the 1,800 houses and duplexes retained by the Army for its Presidio of Monterey Annex.

[redacted]

Most of the rest of the base will be used for a nature preserve, schools and two universities, parks, campgrounds, an airport and an agriculture center.

But analyses of market and economic factors in the county and around Monterey Bay led the Duffy report to conclude that Fort Ord can realistically expect to see the creation of 20,000 new, nonmilitary jobs by the year 2015.

The market analyses in the report also indicate Fort Ord will see development of:

- Three million square feet of office and industrial space in the next 20 years, occupying about 230 of the 2,300 acres earmarked for that purpose. A projection of the study indicates office and industrial uses might take a quarter of the space allotted for them in 50 years.
- One million square feet of retail space in the next 20 years, growing to maybe 2.8 million square feet in 50 years.
- 1,200 hotel rooms in the next 20 years, with 600 of them around the exising golf courses, 300 developed in conjunction with two new golf courses and 300 in a conference center in the sand dunes or next to the existing golf courses. The market for hotel rooms at Fort Ord is likely to exceed the planned 1,725 rooms in 50 years.
- 10,300 additional units of housing in the next 20 years, as Fort Ord captures about 25 percent of all the housing development in the county, then more than the planned 11,850 units in the next 50 years.

The Duffy report also recommends that reuse planners pursue a hospital, retirement communities and more facilities to attract visitors to the Fort Ord area.

FEATURE

# Out of Site, Out of Mines?

*Environmental officials say they never certified Fort Ord land slated for transfer this week.* **By Nancy Scott**

An official from the California Environmental Protection Agency says the agency may boycott the ceremonial transfer of Fort Ord lands this Friday in protest of the Army's failure to notify environmental officials before signing off on the document that certified the transfer of nearly 700 acres of Fort Ord property.

"We're not happy. We did not have the chance to review the document before it was signed," says David Wong, of Cal EPA's Department of Toxic Substances. "This was a deal cut by the Army."

According to Wong, Army officials failed to notify either Cal EPA or its federal counterpart — the US EPA — before signing off on a document called the Finding of Suitability of Transfer (FOST). Wong says environmental regulators did participate in environmental surveys leading up to FOST, but he says those initial studies were "very general" and didn't focus specifically on the parcel slated for transfer this week.

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Although Wong says the Army wasn't required to notify either environmental agency, he says officials from Cal EPA are now in the process of reviewing the proposed transfer for potential problems — [redacted] explosives [redacted] Fort Ord.

"We have no intention of hiding anything," says Kathy Clack, acting chief of the Base Realignment and Closure [BRAC] office at Fort Ord, who was informed of Wong's comments earlier this week. "We have not from the beginning."

But if any ordnance is found, "then we have to tell the Army they screwed up," says Wong.

Interim Dean Hank Hendrickson of California State University-Monterey Bay says that possibility isn't likely, given the nature of the first parcel slated for transfer to CSU and University of California-Santa Cruz on July 8. "It's a developed area, and there have been thousands and thousands of people walking all over this parcel and people living on this property for years and years," says Hendrickson.

Wong adds that Cal EPA officials had been invited to the deed transfer ceremony, which will include such dignitaries as US Defense Secretary William Perry, but as a result of the Army's failure to seek environmental review "now I don't think we are going."

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Army officials — including workers who've been involved with the actual ordnance removal — also strongly assert that the parcel scheduled to be transferred this week is ordnance-free.

"The [Army] Corps of Engineers here in Huntsville [Alabama] has sampled Fort Ord for explosive waste in the parcel to be transferred in July and has located no [unexploded ordnance]," says Ray Leone, the ordnance center manager who has been in charge of ordnance removal at Fort Ord.

"There is nothing there," says Clack "The whole approach we've taken is we want the property to be safe...to that extent, we've surveyed the property about to be transferred for any presence of contaminants and we will not transfer if we are not prepared to do so."

The two other parcels that will ultimately make up the CSU/UC facility are scheduled to be conveyed at a later date. Klack and Leone say the Army is continuing to clear ordnance from a parcel that is scheduled for transfer to CSU in August.

According to Leone, that will be cleared of ordnance to a level of three feet, and then to an additional level of four feet below any new construction. The deed transferring the property will likely contain a clause allowing Army officials to remove any additional contamination found after transfer, says Leone.

To date, the Army has spent $10 million cleaning up ordnance from Fort Ord and has — according to officials responsible for clean-up — recovered almost 100,000 pieces of armaments, including fused grenades, land mines, M-1 bullets and ammunition containing white phosphorous, which is considered especially dangerous because it burns with high intensity.

Fort Ord officials, including Clack and

Leone, say clean-up of the university-designated parcels begins with a careful survey of the property, based on Army records that include archive searches and interviews with present and former employees to determine the extent of unexploded ordnance, which is then excavated and removed.

But Javier Santa Cruz Jr., a manager in charge of ordnance removal with Wyle Laboratories, a private contractor in Norco, California [redacted]

Under federal Superfund law, the federal government is responsible for the removal of contamination even after the transfer of federal property.

"It's the US Army's responsibility if [ordnance] is found, for them to come in and clean it up," says Hendrickson. "It is only their liability and no one else's."

For regulators trying to oversee the clean-up of unexploded ordnance, a complicating factor lies in how ordnance is interpreted under existing laws and regulations. Federal Superfund clean-up laws stipulate that "all necessary remedial action must be taken to remove hazardous substances" from land to be transferred, but there is ambiguity about whether ordnance should be considered a hazardous substance.

According to Mark Garvey, of the federal EPA headquarters in Washington, DC, the EPA has tried to classify ordnance as a hazardous substance, although Superfund regulations — ironically — don't specifically address ordnance.

"You know and I know that if you're out there and run across a land mine, it's going to be hazardous to your health," says Curt Gandy, an environmental activist who is also a member of the US Department of Defense's recently formed Restoration Advisory Board, which is intended as a citizens' oversight committee on base reuse. [redacted]

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Linda Temple, an Army environmental manager at Fort Ord, points to a published May 18 notice of intent to remove unexplored ordnance as evidence of the Army's efforts to involve the public in the transfer process. [redacted]

Clean-up of the contaminated Fort Ord parcels was slated to be completed last month, but, according to an internal Army memo, was halted first in January, when a state historic preservation officer threatened to sue the Army, since the Fort Ord Environmental Office hadn't informed the officer of clearance work. [redacted]

# Monterey to Celebrate Fort Ord

*By Carolyn Lochhead*
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**Washington**

Three years after it was closed, Fort Ord, the sprawling former Army base in Monterey where a million soldiers trained for war since 1917, will be legally transferred to civilian use today.

Hailed as a model by Secretary of Defense William Perry, who is flying in to lead the ceremonies, Fort Ord's conversion is the nation's largest yet.

As early as the fall of 1995, a new California State University at Monterey Bay is expected to open on the site, transforming barracks into classrooms with an eventual capacity for as many as 25,000 students.

An array of other public and private uses are planned, including a new state park on 2,000 acres of beach closed to the public for 40 years and small industrial sites.

While most of these plans will not be realized for several years, the transfer to civilian control has been remarkably smooth. Some bases, such as Fort Hamilton, remain in limbo nearly two decades after the decision was made to close them.

But Fort Ord may also serve as a warning to the Bay Area's huge military installations at Alameda, Treasure Island and Mare Island, all scheduled to close, and a lesson in the pitfalls that threaten to mire base conversion in a swamp of political controversy.

When the news broke in the summer of 1991 that Fort Ord's 28,000 acres of prime coastal California real estate was to be freed from military use, thousands of interested parties, from developers to advocates for the homeless, eyed the property with grand visions.

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[redacted] Sam Farr, the freshman Democrat who won White House budget chief Leon Panetta's former seat, has spent most of his first year in office working on Fort Ord, ironing out the hundreds of excruciating details that threatened to torpedo the conversion.

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[redacted] their say in Fort Ord's future.

"Those theorists who believed that there would be a real estate boom in federal properties are totally wrong," Farr said. "A lot of people are shocked as to why all these military bases, [redacted]

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— REPRESENTATIVE SAM FARR

One problem, Farr said, is that the military operated as an independent federal entity that developed [redacted]

"A developer goes in and says, 'My God, this is worse than vacant land,' " Farr said. " 'I've got to pay to clean it up, make it accessible to the disabled, dig up all the pipelines, go back and make all the buildings meet earthquake standards. T[redacted]

The university campus is being viewed as the key to weaning Monterey County from its reliance on the military, spawning a new "Silicon Valley of the sea."

Fort Ord's closure, entailing the transfer of nearly 15,000 soldiers, devastated the local economy, pushing the local unemployment rate to 13 percent, one of the highest in the nation.

About 80 percent of the land, or 18,000 acres, will be set aside as open space, managed by the Interior Department.

Aside from the aesthetic value of open land, the open space overcomes two critical re-use hurdles that often prevent development — t[redacted] Species, A[redacted] ita[redacted] and [redacted] le[redacted] ra[redacted]

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March 10, 1995

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Dear Mr. Shepner:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Ord.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

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April 21, 1995

Representative Bob Livingston, Chairman
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Dear Representative Livingston:

I was dismayed to learn from an article in the Monterey Herald that Representative Sam Farr had been able to influence your committee to restore funds for the California State University at Fort Ord. A copy of the article is enclosed.

As I am sure you now realize, base closures, which were supposed to free up valuable lands to be sold at huge profits for our government are not being realized. Contrarily, since government entities were given first choice of these so-called "free" lands, billions of taxpayer funds will be required to bring existing infrastructure up to local codes, remove all vestage of dangerous ordnance and toxic materials and renovate or replace the buildings for safe civilian use.

It is inconceivable that funds for the expansion of government facilities and services at closing bases should continue when the size and cost of government is being reduced elsewhere.

Funds for the expansion of government, whether it be city, county, state or federal should be eliminated. The military service involved should be required to maintain the properties until there is a bonafide citizen approved plan. The military service involved should be required to maintain and eliminate all hazards to civilian occupancy in the meantime. Privatization should be the paramount consieration as a means of reducing the cost of base closures.

Three years of meetings of local governments, with a minimum of citizen input, have not demonstrated any need for additional college facilities at Fort Ord. The economy is not depressed. There is no completed redevelopment or financing plan. Droughts continue periodically with no solution in sight. The additional water needed for the redevelopment of Fort Ord is not available now or in the foreseeable future. EPA is being sued regarding cleanup of bases.

The enclosures confirm my statements. Please advise your committee.

Sincerely, Robert W. Shepner
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cc Senator Alan Dixon, Chairman, Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission
Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Sam Farr
Governor Pete Wilson

# Incredible Shrinking Reuse

Federal planners multi-million dollar reuse concepts take a back seat to reality. Has it all been for naught?

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FORA Manager Les White

# Castles Made of Sand

*Reality has eroded reuse plans all along, and this could be just the beginning.*

BY NICOLE VOLPE

Stilwell Hall, perched high above the Fort Ord coastline, rises out of those bullet-riddled dunes west of Highway 1 like a sad symbol. With its rotting bricks and broken windows, the wood floors of what was once a grand World War II soldiers' club are warped from water damage. The waves rolling into the coast below have carved out a Wile E Coyote cliff overhang, and the whole building will certainly fall into the sea, eventually.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation once hoped to reuse the hall as a visitor center, perhaps allowing the rate of erosion by building out the cliff underneath. Even relocating the structure was considered. But after further study, both options were found to be too costly. Now it seems the only opportunities left at Stilwell are three murals left inside that may someday hang on California State University's (CSU's) halls, if they are retrieved before they are rendered worthless by rain water or vandals.

The building, now abandoned, is a tangible model for lowered expectations and abandoned ideas for reuse all over Fort Ord, where local jurisdictions in the first rush of reuse fever were allowed to dream up wish lists as a starting point for land use plans now considered unrealistic by many planners.

"In these situations where there are multiple jurisdictions planning for their own territories, there is a tendency to be overly optimistic about what's do-able," says Tom Black, an urban development economist at the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a Washington DC-based research and education organization made up of some 13,000 private developers, planners, engineers and public officials. "It is likely to be overweighted to what's actually feasible, and it creates a lot of problems when you have to draw back to something less ambitious."

"There has been a lot of money wasted pursuing these way-out-there, pie-in-the-sky plans," says Charles Chrietzberg, co-founder of the Citizens Action Group, which was formed in the early phases of reuse.

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), and its predecessor the Fort Ord Reuse Group (FORG), have certainly been drawing back. The plan first offered in April of '93, called for 1,000 new highrises, 2,644 acres of commercial space and business parks, two college campuses and a desalination plant. It remains untested — its feasibility in light of expensive infrastructure needs, and it is being challenged by the state Department of Parks and Recreation — aggressive land use of the beach.

If resource and environmental factors end up reducing the scope of the plan, it wouldn't be the first time. Since the release of an initial base reuse plan in 1993, the rollbacks of what the plan could ultimately accomplish have included:

- The number of jobs to be created, which was reduced from 180,000 to the current 60,000. The downsizing was forced by the Army before they would issue a record of decision on the environmental impact statement for air quality reasons.
- The amount of water the plan will require each year, which has been reduced from 21,760 acre-feet to 14,153 acre-feet per year.
- The number of students scheduled to start at Cal State University in fall of '95 from 2,000 to 950 — a reduction attributed to problems in obtaining federal funding.
- The area originally scheduled to be developed as part of the FORG plan, which was reduced from 15,910 acres to 9,630 acres as a result of land rendered unusable as it was once an impact range.
- A reduction of 30-40 percent in the amount of the FORG plan originally dedicated to retail (a reduction that was largely due to a map inaccuracy, according to FORA officials).

RICHARD PITNICK

**Stilwell Hall is one example of reuse visions that will not pan out.**

Two years and several million dollars in cash and "in-kind" planning, squabbling and staff time later, the plan is still "evolving," say officials connected with the reuse effort, who are scrambling to have a July deadline for a final base reuse plan extended into next year. But while reuse plans are supposed to be nearly completed, there are indications the FORG plan is still overblown.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation, which will eventually manage Fort Ord's coastal lands, has taken issue with plans for aggressive land use west of Highway 1 — plans that include a through-road, a monstrous desalination plant, an aquaculture facility, and a 300-room conference center and lodging facility.

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Ironically, an exemption written into the very legislation that formed FORA, leaves the state parks department free to ignore the FORG land use-plan — a prospect that could effectively sideline the plans entirely. District ecologist Ken Gray says the only reason the parks district is negotiating with FORA on the matter at all is to be neighborly.

"We're going to be members of the community so we want our plans to be compatible with adjacent communities," he says. "We intend to provide access to the beach for research and education purposes, sort of an outdoor library, inviting students and [illegible] efforts."

Otherwise, the parks department has rejected much of the original reuse premise — that large-scale development would benefit the area as a whole. "There is a very limited amount of space for development or recreational facilities on the west side of the highway," says Gray.

In lieu of a through-road, the park department has instead proposed a parking lot where user fees could be charged, and a bike path running along the beach from Seaside to Marina, with the idea of providing a more pleasant alternative to the existing recreation path that runs alongside hectic highway traffic. "We feel pretty strongly a through-road would compromise our ability to manage the land," says Gray. "It would turn into an alternate commuter route for Highway 1 and there would be unlimited access during nighttime hours."

The agency also opposes the so-called "Asilomar-type facility," originally proposed by FORG, dismissing the euphemism that they say ignores the fact such a park would not be designed by Julia Morgan, surrounded by pine trees or built before state parks had a say.

"We haven't ruled out overnight accommodations, " says Gray. "But anything on the magnitude of 300 rooms seems inappropriate for an area preserved as open space and habitat management."

Apparently, even the sheer acreage of the land slated for development is shrinking. Due to erosion, the shoreline has receded some 200 feet since the 1950s, which was when the map was drawn that all plans for the beach were based on. That is a loss of over 100 acres of land.

"We're losing land," says Gray. "That indicates we need to have significant setbacks from the shoreline, usually so that there's a 50-year span before erosion will effect a building. At the current erosion rate of seven-feet-per-year, you'd need to have at least 350-foot setbacks."

Some points along the coast run only 1,000 feet to the highway and that doesn't leave much room, says Gray, especially when the habitat management plan prepared by the Army for reuse of the base calls for the preservation of 700 acres.

"The US Department of Fish and Wildlife declared there would be no damage to rare and endangered species if that wildlife plan is

followed," says Gray. "Since there is only 830 acres west of the highway, that leaves very little room for development and recreational facilities," he says.

While the parks department has been very specific in what reductions need to be made in the FORG plan, still a wild card in the planning process is whether the reuse plan is feasible considering the expense of building transportation, water and other utilities systems to support planned growth.

Paul Reimer, the engineer hired by FORA to study infrastructure costs, has set the cost of roads, a water system, and a sewer system to support FORA's reuse plan at $669.5 million. Some planners say that could actually creep closer to a billion dollars. So far, FORA planners acknowledge there is no funding source on the horizon to support those projects, so the costs will need to be passed on to developers. Whether the opportunities at Fort Ord will be attractive enough to developers is anyone's guess.

"Until there is a solid financial plan, what you are dealing with is dreams, wishes and ideas," says Black, who has reviewed similar development plans for areas experiencing reuse. After reviewing the reuse plan and talking with local ULI members, Black says he's surprised there isn't any kind of financial plan drawn up to support FORA's ideas about when certain levels of development could be achieved.

"I asked several people whether there was a cost assignment plan, or a private investment strategy, and I gather that it doesn't exist," he says.

The only two marketing studies done to date on the feasibility of private backing for reuse efforts are Marina's Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) grant-funded study, which was used to determine whether Fritzche Airfield would be a money maker if converted to civilian use, and the 1994 Denise Duffy study of what sort of land uses the local market might be able to accommodate.

Although the Duffy report was released last year, and called for different combinations and intensities than the FORG plan, the reuse officials made no adjustments to their plan based on the analysis, according to Reimer.

"The only change that has been made since the Duffy report was released was that the amount of retail space went down 30-40 percent," he says. "It was a matter of retail areas designated at either side of the entry to the base. The acreage included the right-of-way for a state highway, so it made the footprint appear larger in the original plan."

That was a lucky mistake, considering a projection of the Duffy report indicated the

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**Les White, FORA's executive officer.**

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area could only absorb a little more than half the retail space reuse officials planned.

But the Duffy report also indicated other areas where reuse officials planned for uses the market wouldn't bear. For instance, the projection was made that office and industrial uses might fill only a quarter of the 25.5 million square-feet reuse officials allotted for those activities on the old Fort Ord.

But even that report, based on sketchy population projections by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), does not explore all of the financial issues associated with reusing Fort Ord.

"It is based more on trend line experience than analysis," says Black.

According to federal mandates, the FORG plan will undergo more market study this year, which will determine if the plan is proportional to all of the infrastructure needed.

"Money for infrastructure is the primary element determining what gets built," says Reimer.

The Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) will have a financially constrained financial plan available this summer, which will take a stab at how much funding will be available for a transportation system.

At $353.6 million, a transportation system will cost more than any other infrastructure system, but there are some who believe water issues will still be the most problematic in the long run.

"I went up and asked the FORA board at one meeting if there has ever been a desal plant in operation anywhere that produced 5,000 acre feet of water for more than 10 years," says one FORA observer, who asked not to be named. "They kind of looked at each other, and someone mumbled something ab Saudi Arabia."

Monterey County Water Resources Dept Manager Leo Laska agrees that desal is "expensive and energy consuming," but poir out that a proposed plant did make it throug the permitting process before it was ditched by Peninsula voters in 1992.

How the costs of desal, ranging from $1,000 to $2,000 per-acre foot, would be absorbed is also still an unknown. But FORA members do not seem concerned that desal could prove unfeasible.

"I don't agree with the sky is falling approach to water issues," says Seaside May Don Jordan. "It is not our last thought before we go to sleep."

Federal requirements are forcing FORA to conduct a financial study as part of a final plan that would take into account the infrastructure costs. Meanwhile, reuse officials have run out of time and planning money needed to produce a final plan that meets stat and federal requirements.

The Pentagon's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) gave FORA just $683,000 to complete its master plan of the base. Meanwhile, a planning consultant partnership — EMC of Monterey and EDAW Inc —presented a work outline that left FORA some $800,000 short.

"They've spent all their money, and now they are hollering," says Chrietzberg. "There isn't an unlimited source of funding. They've got to utilize it and get the job done."

Barbara Shipnuck, the former Monterey County supervisor who was hired by FORA at $3,000 per month to find a way out of the funding crunch, says the shortfall was a matter of the difference between state and federal requirements for the base reuse plan.

"Federal agencies wouldn't pay for California's strict planning requirements," she says.

After chipping away at the shortfall, officials have been sent back to their jurisdictions to come up with $300,000 cash to complete the master plan.

"We have asked the jurisdictions that they provide a loan, which we will make every effort to pay back," says FORA's Executive Officer Les White.

FORA, which has spent some $100,000 in salaries, travel and consulting since October, is running short not just on resources, but also on time. The agency has asked for an extension of its July deadline for a final base plan through legislation introduced by Assemblyman Bruce McPherson. AB 258 asks for a one year extension to July of '96, and was introduced in committee last month.

White says the sheer size of the plan makes it difficult to meet both the state and federal requirements. "You are talking about an area the size of San Francisco city and county," he says.

But White says neither the intensity of development, nor that FORG and FORA had to scale back from big ideas, were factors creating the current day-late-and-dollar-short situation.

"FORA is funded on the margin," he says. "And the shortfall was in part due to constraints in terms of how we can use OEA money. There was money we couldn't allocate for state requirements."

According to White, reuse plans for the old fort won't "be significantly reduced" due to the pending market studies. Still he says, financial analysis "will be the real test of the plan's feasibility."

"I don't think it will shrink much any more than it already has," he says. ■

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# Red tape slows Ord conversion to private uses

BY THOM AKEMAN
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The timetable has been dropped at Fort Ord as civilian conversion of the military base seems to be taking longer than expected at every fold of the map.

The conversion is generally on track, but the turnover of federal property has been slower than expected when the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) was formed 11 months ago.

"We might have some setbacks, but we're still far ahead of everybody else going through this," said Assemblyman Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz.

"Patience is a virtue in this whole conversion process," he said.

When the county and eight affected cities were pulled together to form FORA as a single governing body last year, forecasts indicated that many parts of the 44-square-mile base would be in civilian hands by now, on their way to becoming parks, private housing, commercial centers and a municipal airport.

But only the land for a University of California research center and a California State University at Monterey Bay campus have been transferred so far. Those transfers took place in July through special acts of Congress.

Other land transfers — such as the elementary schools and offices for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and the airfield for the city of Marina — are on the brink of occurring, according to the Army's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) staff at Fort Ord.

But virtually everything else is tied up in one or more of the

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processing and planning steps required for the federal government to turn over land to local governments or private owners.

"Our feet are to the fire," said Lt. Col. Bill Jones, who heads the BRAC office at Fort Ord.

"My mission from the Army is to turn over a property as soon as possible," he said. "Now, when is 'as soon as possible?' "

According to interviews with some of the principals involved in the conversion, the process itself has proved to be more complex and slower than anticipated at Fort Ord, which is the largest military base the nation closed in the post-Cold War defense cutbacks.

Environmental analysis, even though speeded by laws parented by former Rep. Leon Panetta, who is now President Bill Clinton's chief of staff, still takes a lot of time at a large base, they said.

Surveying and mapping so that undivided land can be parceled and prepared for a number of different owners also takes as much time as there is land, they said.

Getting everybody who has to be involved in the transactions coordinated and in agreement may be the most time-consuming step in the process, the principals said.

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That plan, now about a year behind its 1995 deadline, has been stalled because of the time it has taken to decide what needs to be [redacted]

It has also been stalled because it took longer than expected to get federal money to help pay for the reuse plan, and then there was substantially less money than requested.

At the moment, the county and the eight cities in FORA are debating whether to put up another $20,000 per voting member to pay for turning an interim reuse plan into final form.

"I think we're crawling at a fast pace," said Leslie White, the former San Jose city manager who became FORA's executive officer in February.

White said he thinks three or four more chunks of Fort Ord will be turned over to civilian authorities by the end of the year. But that would all be property being passed on to local governments, he said.

He doesn't expect to see any property intended for private ownership and redevelopment turned over until the base reuse plan is completed, White said.

The reason is simple, he said. The Army wants to be paid for property and buildings that are going to be privately owned. But the market values of those properties can't be established until there is a final plan for base reuses, White said.

That plan would establish general zoning conditions and would outline infrastructure and utility provisions that will affect property values, he said.

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FORA needs to decide how to allocate the current water supply, White said. Those decisions will have significant impact on property values at the base, he noted.

He expects FORA to allocate the water in the next couple of months, White said, so the two universities can get on with their plans and FORA can start dealing with the former military housing subdivisions that are empty and boarded up.

Other decisions will have to be made as part of the reuse plan, which is supposed to be final by July 1 so redevelopment can begin.

But McPherson has a bill before the state Legislature, AB 258, that would extend FORA's plan deadline to July 1, 1996.

"They said they need more time and we said okay, but this can't go on indefinately," McPherson said. "The people in the Legislature want base conversions to work."

There is an interim reuse plan that has taken about three years and $3 million to develop.

But it contains some provisions the Army Corps of Engineers refused to consider in an environmental impact statement for the base, and some proposals that state agencies have already scoffed at.

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**Leslie White, director of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority**

The interim plan also doesn't yet address ways an estimated $400 million worth of public works projects might be financed, or set priorities for redevelopment areas.

FORA asked the Pentagon's Office of Economic Adjustment for $1.6 million to pay a consultant to turn the interim plan into a final, master plan.

But the federal office decided in January to pay only $683,000, explaining that that's all the work necessary to satisfy federal requirements.

Most of the rest of the proposed work is intended to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act, FORA officials have said.

There is little, if any, state money available to help, White said. So FORA plans to commit next year's membership dues and assess its members for the money to finalize the plan.

The conversion processes will be slow enough that it will take several years to get enough redevelopment at Fort Ord to generate a sufficient revenue to finance such plans, buy infrastructure or pay back loans, White said.

"That's a couple of years down the line," he said.

"There's also an issue of how quickly do you want property conveyed," White said. "Once you get it, you've got to pay to maintain it."

Lt. Col. Jones said he can't suggest a timetable for turning over land at Fort Ord.

"We're trying to do our best," he said.

He's waiting for environmental regulators to tell BRAC when property is clean enough to be turned over for reuses, Jones said.

He's also waiting for White to tell him if a list of priority properties submitted by FORA still holds, Jones said.

And he's waiting for FORA to work out conflicts with utility companies and resolve competing requests for property, Jones said.

"We're looking at May and June to turn over a lot of stuff, if no unforseen things come up," Jones said. "I say that with a lot of hope because we thought we'd have a lot of stuff turned over by now."

The environmental clearance necessary before military property can be transferred to civilians is close for most of the base, said John Chesnutt, the Fort Ord project manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Work is now going on to remove and treat contaminated soil, he said.

In about six months, all but six sites on the base should be free from toxic contamination and available for reuses, Chesnutt said.

Those areas of long-term contamination include:

- An 8,000-acre training range being given to the Bureau of Land Management, which has unexploded ordnance that has to be located and removed.
- The rifle ranges in the sand dunes being given to the state Department of Parks and Recreation, which have metal shell casings and fragments to be removed.
- An incineration area in the East Garrison with such a steep slope that development is unlikely.
- A former motor pool on the property that will someday be part of the CSU campus.
- A former vehicle yard near the FORA office, which left a plume of contaminated ground water that has to be cleaned up.

The sixth area of long-term contamination is a large ground water plume under and around a landfill area in Marina that caused Fort Ord to be placed on the EPA's Superfund cleanup list, Chesnutt said.

[redacted] leased for reuses, he said.

A number of agencies that serve the homeless and a nonprofit corporation planning a retirement community at Fort Ord are waiting for buildings that sit over that polluted area.

It will take months to get the remedial system in place and working, so that property can be leased for reuses, Chesnutt said.

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# Don't delay base planning

Monterey County communities can't let the conversion of Fort Ord become bogged down.

Already the complicated, interwoven process is falling behind schedule.

No one is pointing fingers. But they are discovering that the process is more complicated than expected at every turn.

It's difficult navigating the federal bureaucracy. It takes time to map and divide the massive base — 44 square miles, the size of San Francisco. Even the newly streamlined environmental process can be painfully slow.

The first step is checking the land for contamination, cleaning it up and releasing it for use. Most of the land for the universities has been transferred, and the Environmental Protection Agency is signing off on other tracts.

The second step is establishing priorities for civilian use of the land. The planning process has taken several turns over the years, and the control of several areas remains in dispute.

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All the parties involved agree the timeline was too short. They'll miss the July 1 deadline and won't be done by the end of the year. But planning could be complete by next July — the end of the year's grace proposed in legislation by Assemblyman Bruce McPherson.

The first land can't start moving into private hands until that's completed. Once major tenants — imagine Penney or Wal-Mart anchoring a shopping center along Highway 1 — move in, cash would start flowing back into local hands.

Fort Ord still is seen as a model for base reuse. That's one reason it's gotten federal money for planning.

But local agencies must continue to move the process along steadily.

For example, when the Carmel City Council discussed the financing proposal, it decided to table it for a month.

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It's a delicate balancing act for the area's economic future.

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But moving too slowly could jeopardize Ord's status as a model of reuse and the entailing federal funds. And it could derail the process of private development at the base, which is vital to the area's economic health.

# Experts say golf course unlikely on Ord landfill

HERALD STAFF REPORT

There is little chance that Marina ever will build a golf course atop a closed Fort Ord landfill, experts told a meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board Soil Committee last night.

The meeting was held at the Monterey County Health Department in Monterey to discuss capping of the 150-acre landfill, designated as toxic by health authorities.

The Marina City Council last week authorized the city to seek the land from the Army for the purpose of building a municipal golf course and bayfront road.

"(It) is a habitat area, no golf course will ever be put there," said Don Smallbeck, project manager for Harding Lawson Associates of Novato, the firm hired by the Army to plot the extent of Fort Ord's toxicity and help devise a clean-up plan.

"You can't put anything on top of a cap — as far as I'm concerned, it's open space," he added.

"There will be no golf course," agreed David Eisen of the state Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Dan McMindes, a civilian employee of the Army Corps of Engineers, softened the message just a bit.

"It is virtually impossible to build a golf course on top of that landfill. I think it would be economically prohibitive for another agency to go through all

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# Golf course unlikely atop Ord landfill

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the permitting and paperwork necessary to put a golf course there," he said.

First identified as a toxic site 11 years ago, the Fort Ord landfill is little worse than many other toxic "dumps" in California, Eisen said.

"Contamination was caused by a variety of factors; it probably wasn't policed closely enough by military personnel," he said, adding that approximately 700 other landfill sites in California are similarly polluted with commercial household and industrial concoctions.

He said "about 10 or 15" chemicals have been identified in ground-water aquifers beneath the landfill.

"If you look at the chemicals in your house, you'll likely find some of these same chemicals," Eisen said.

Smallbeck reported that the landfill will be capped with a clay sealer and contaminated ground water will be treated. [redacted]

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"We've looked extensively in this landfill and we still haven't found anything that we can consider the source of contamination for this ground water," Smallbeck said.

"There is no smoking gun."

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# EPA sued over toxics at Ord

## Suit says agency didn't crack down

BY KEVIN HOWE
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A suit alleging that the federal Environmental Protection Agency has failed to crack down on military munition wastes has been filed by a California-based citizens' group.

The suit, filed by the Tides Foundation on Dec. 14 in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., alleges that the EPA failed to meet an April 16, 1993, deadline for proposing regulations identifying when military munitions become hazardous waste, and providing for safe removal and storage of such waste.

Attorney Rena Steinzor of the University of Maryland School of Law's Clinical Law Office said the suit was filed on behalf of the Tides Foundation's Military Toxics Project.

The suit names EPA Administrator Carol Browner and the agency as defendants, charging that the EPA violated the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act by failing to publish regulations. It asks the court to order that such regulations be published no later than April 6.

Steinzor said the case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin and that the Toxics Project group is awaiting a response and setting of a hearing date.

"The issue is how fast they (the EPA) can rectify their mistake," she said. She added that the outcome will be "of tremendous importance to Fort Ord or any place where there were training exercises or firing ranges."

"The gist of the issue," Steinzor said, "is that when you fire a shell out of a gun and it hits the ground, it becomes a waste, and it is a hazardous waste if it is ignitable or has hazardous substances that can leak into the environment. It cannot be left in the ground. It has to be managed so it doesn't harm the environment."

She described the Military Toxics Project as a national coalition of citizens' groups neighboring military bases from Hawaii to Maine. Among them is the Fort Ord Toxics Project.

Lauren Michal, spokeswoman for EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C., said that agency attorneys are reviewing the case and have 60 days to file a response.

Otherwise, she said, the agency had no comment.

The court action is not expected to affect Fort Ord's cleanup or the transfer of land parcels to civilian use, according to Del Rey Oaks Mayor Jack Barlich, chairman of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

Barlich said transfers that have occurred at the post were in areas that have been declared free of environmental hazards.

FORA project coordinator Joe Cavanaugh said the suit seems to address technical areas that don't involve the reuse authority.

Curt Gandy, spokesman for the Fort Ord Toxics Project, said the EPA is in violation of the 1992 Federal Facilities Compliance Act, in which it was directed by Congress to formulate rules and regulations governing military munitions as hazardous waste within six months of enactment.

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months behind," he said.

Gandy said the EPA and the Department of the Army were expected to get community comment on the problem, but instead held closed-door negotiations with each other on how to get rid of munitions.

Their solution of detonating or burning explosive duds in place, he said, "is unacceptable," given current clean air and water standards.

Army base, said water will be a limiting factor for converting the base to civilian uses.

"It's a fact you can't escape," he said. "If you don't have the water, there won't be redevelopment."

The reuse plan will need $57 million worth of water facilities in the next 15 years, Reimer said, along with $224 million worth of roads and other utilities.

Expanding the water facilities will cost another $43 million for the redevelopment envisioned between the years 2010 and 2025, he said, then $46.5 million in the next 20 years.

"The universal threshold will be the financing capability of FORA," Reimer told the board.

He recommended that FORA limit redevelopment in the first, 15-year phase of the reuse plan to about 50 percent of what was envisioned.

That first phase calls for about 7,300 acre-feet of water a year for the schools, houses, golf courses, parks, hotels, stores, offices and factories expected at Fort Ord, plus about 1,200 acre-feet committed to the Army's Presidio of Monterey Annex.

But the Fort Ord property has only 6,600 acre-feet of water available under the allocation agree-

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# Ord has only one-third of water needed for deve

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ment signed by the Army and the county in 1993, when the Army paid $7.4 million to be annexed to the county's Water Resources Agency, which monitors the Salinas River ground water basin.

The Army paid the county after several years of negotiations, in order to get a more secure supply of water from the Salinas Valley when a proposed pipeline to the coast is completed.

That pipeline would carry 6,600 acre-feet of water a year from Salinas Valley wells to Fort Ord so the coastal wells on the former Army post could be shut down. It is all part of a massive plan to alleviate the saltwater intrusion that is destroying the Salinas Valley aquifers.

That amount could be reduced, along with all present water uses in the Salinas Valley, if the state Water Resources Control Board takes charge of the water basin and adjudicates uses, said Mike Armstrong, manager of the county's Water Resources Agency.

"Adjudication is real. It's happening," Armstrong told the FORA board.

"If we lose local control," he said, "I can tell you, your problems with water for development of this property will be 10-fold what they are today."

Even the 6,600 acre-feet allocation has limits. The agreement between the Army and the county allows 5,200 acre-feet of that allocation to be taken from the shallower aquifers — those that are 180 and 400 feet underground. The remaining 1,400 acre-feet must come from the deep aquifer, which is 900 feet underground.

But Fort Ord has no wells that reach the deep aquifer.

The three Army wells that pump water now, all in the East Garrison area off Reservation Road, tap into the shallower aquifers. Their draw would be limited to the 5,200 acre-foot amount.

The existing wells need to be redrilled to prevent them from collapsing, as happened to a fourth Army well in 1990, Reimer said.

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# U.S. funds restored for CSUMB campus

BY THOM AKEMAN
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California State University's Monterey Bay campus got its second year of renovation money yesterday when a House-Senate conference committee restored $14 million that had been cut from the federal budget a week earlier.

Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, said he had to personally lobby members of the House Appropriations Committee in order to get them to restore the military-base conversion money that the Senate cut from the Defense Department's budget last week.

"I was able to persuade them of the value of this project," Farr said yesterday. "A week ago, this money had been lost to the recisions effort on Capitol Hill."

Farr also credited Defense Secretary William Perry for showing his strong support for CSU-Monterey Bay as part of the closure and conversion process at Fort Ord.

Coincidentally, CSU-Monterey Bay awarded a $12 million contract Thursday for the first renovation work, which is to turn 22 military buildings into the nucleus of a new college campus by the end of August.

That initial renovation work is being financed by a $15 million federal grant awarded to CSU in last year's federal budget.

The $14 million restored yesterday to the current federal budget will finance more of the same types of renovations so the new campus can grow, said Stephen Reed, director of public relations for the school.

"This gives us reason to start planning the conversion from phase one on into phase two," Reed said.

Reed credited Farr with heroic work to get this second phase funding. "The defense budget has been the incredible shrinking pie, but our needs haven't shrunk."

CSU-Monterey Bay, the 21st campus in the state system, is to open on Aug. 28 to its first 650 to 1,000 students. The school is ex-

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# U.S. funds restored for CSUMB

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pected to grow gradually into a university that will have 20,000 to 25,000 students in the 21st century.

The school and a research center established by the University of California at Santa Cruz have been the centerpieces of the plan to convert the military base to civilian uses.

When land and buildings were given to the university last summer, school officials had plans for an estimated $150 million renovation project to convert military buildings to classrooms, laboratories, offices and dormitories. They outlined a 10-year conversion program, which they hoped the federal government would fund with about $15 million a year.

It was uncertain when the second check would actually arrive. But with the money now obligated in the defense authorization bill, Farr's staff said, CSU can plan on it and, if necessary, borrow against it.

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DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

AS THE TIME DRAWS NEAR FOR YOU TO VOTE ON BASE CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS I FELT IT WAS TIME TO WRITE IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING FT. PICKETT, VA OPEN.

AS YOU ALL HAVE HEARD FT. PICKETT TRAINS ALL FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY AND THE SECRET SERVICE AT A COST SAVINGS TO THE TAXPAYERS. I FEEL FT. PICKETT'S MISSION IS VITAL TO KEEPING A HEALTHY NATIONAL DEFENSE. WHAT OTHER MAJOR INSTALLATION IS RUN BY LESS THAN 300 EMPLOYEES?

PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING! VOTE TO KEEP FORT PICKETT OPEN.

WITH MUCH RESPECT,

Andy Owen

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May 3, 1995

The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1425
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I was surprised and dismayed to recently read that Fort Pickett was among the list of military bases that the Secretary of Defense had proposed for closure. I say surprised because, from my vantage point, the training value and improvements in operational readiness a unit commander can accrue at Fort Pickett have always exceeded the relative low cost of the investment; and dismayed because it means that use of this vital training facility, not duplicated anywhere else in the mid-Atlantic region, will now be denied to future commanders and trainers from the Second Marine Division.

Although I retired from the U.S. Marine Corps four and a half years ago, my interest in national security affairs has in no way lessened, especially on issues where it appears that the future combat readiness of our forces could be adversely affected. I do understand and support the need to scale back the number of military bases which are of little or questionable value. But frankly, Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree that Fort Pickett fits either one of those two categories. Nor does closing Fort Pickett make good sense to anyone else I know who has conducted field training there and is aware of its value. Allow me to explain why I feel so strongly about this particular U.S.Army Post.

From October 1987 to September 1989 I was privileged to command the Second Marine Division, a force of combined arms numbering about 19,000 Marines. Just as it is today, the Second Marine Division was then based at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina. I should also mention that the Second Marine Division forms what we Marines refer to as the Ground Combat Element of the II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). The other two elements are the Second Force Service Support Group, also based at Camp Lejeune, and the Second Marine Air Wing, located just to the north at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Collectively, II MEF consists of approximately 35,000 troops.

As Commanding General, Second Marine Division, my primary mission was a straight forward one. Simply stated, I was charged to provide forces fully trained and equipped

for combat under three possible scenarios: 1) To meet immediate contingencies to any clime or place with little or no advance warning; 2) To meet scheduled overseas deployments on a six-month or less rotational basis to Okinawa, Japan, Panama Canal Zone, or afloat on U.S. Navy amphibious ships in the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea, the West Coast of Africa, and around South America; 3) In the event of major hostilities, or a regional war, to maintain a high state of readiness to deploy by sea and air and wherever we landed, fight as a Division. The rotational policy meant that about one-third of the Division was forward deployed to a potential trouble spot spanning five continents at any given time. The other two-thirds then were comprised of Marines in organizations which had either just returned from a deployment, or were in organizations that were preparing to relieve those then on station. Thus, as you can imagine, preparing troops for combat operations was our most important as well as our most demanding task.

Achieving a high level of combat readiness is never done easily, even under the best of circumstances. Nor once achieved, is it an imperishable commodity. Individual and collective skills must be constantly honed and tested against the ever changing standards of the modern battlefield, or they quickly erode. Simulation helps up to a point, but there are no shortcuts and simulators can never take the place of a well planned field exercise conducted under tough realistic conditions. The highest standard of readiness, and consequently the one most difficult to attain, is the capability to fight day or night in varied terrain as an integrated combined arms air-ground team; in other words, the capability to mesh ground maneuver forces consisting of reconnaissance, infantry, artillery, engineers and armour with overhead helicopters and close air support fighter/attack aircraft in a fast breaking situation. When an outfit can do that repeatedly with the minimum of flaws, then most of the professionals I know would probably judge it to be ready for combat.

Now Camp Lejeune is a superb amphibious base. It boasts a number of very good training facilities such as the recently constructed complex for Military Operations in Urban Terrain. It also offers good ranges and maneuver areas for small units and individual crew-served weapon teams to hone and maintain their basic skills. Nevertheless, there are limits as to what an organization can achieve there. For example, beyond the surf line there is no relief to the terrain except for the trees and the river which bisects the base. After a few months of being stationed there, even the most recently joined Private becomes so familiar with the ground that he rarely needs to refer to a map to stay oriented. Environmental concerns for the Red Cockaded Woodpecker and the potential damage to wetlands cause restrictions on many of the maneuver areas

of war convinces me that so long as warfare remains an art, and not a science, this Nation cannot and should not give up such a valuable resource as Fort Pickett. That would present a risk we need not take. I urge you to reverse the Secretary of Defense's proposal for closure. I also wish to thank you and members of the commission for hearing me out.

Respectfully,

O.K. Steele

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April 20, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and
Realignment Commission
ATTN: Ms. Rebecca Cox
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Ms. Cox:

I'm writing to you on behalf of Fort Pickett. I am a Supervisory General Engineer employed at Fort Pickett since 1992.

DoD's decision to endorse Department of Army's recommendation for closure of Fort Pickett is, in my opinion, ill-advised and shortsighted. Undoubtedly, you have been made aware of the real military value associated with the fort. I will not go into that, except to say the Fort Pickett's mission has been to support military training. It is extremely important that you appreciate the fact that more Active Component (AC) and National Guard forces conduct training exercises at Fort Pickett annually than do the Army Reserves. I must emphasize this point because I believe that the U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) "offered up" Fort Pickett simply because they viewed Fort Pickett as expendable.

Please bear in mind that Fort Pickett was realigned under USARC only a year or so ago. They really have no deep emotional attachments to the installation. Nor have they invested a great deal of money or effort in its' acquisition.

Yet, this all may be a blessing in disguise. Fort Pickett would love to be out from under USARC. But, certainly not at the expense of closure. Rather, I wish to suggest that Fort Pickett be tagged for realignment.

I am told that there exists a multi-services organization(s) which may be perfectly suited to accept Fort Pickett. This organization was created by General Colin Powell before he retired. I understand it is in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Obviously, I don't know a lot about this, but I am convinced that conceptually I am correct.

It is clear that a gag order has been issued to the authorities throughout the military and across service lines wherein they have been directed to endorse the party line (DoD)

as good soldiers. Yet, the sad truth is that Fort Pickett's closure would have serious economic impact on the services, i.e., Marines, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, and Navy (Seals) and their ability to secure alternative training sites. With Fort Pickett's location and capabilities (ranges and maneuver areas), many of these units simply can't afford to go elsewhere.

I am convinced that DoD was not thorough in its' cross-service check. Had they looked closely, it would have been obvious that the military will suffer a great setback if Fort Pickett closes. The generals and admirals would likely say the same if they were permitted to speak freely.

Thus, I wish to encourage you in the strongest possible way to use your influence to resist closure, but push hard for some kind of realignment.

Thank you for your indulgence.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Farleigh

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29 Mar 95

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
Attn: Commission Chairman
1700 N. Moore St. Suite 1425
Arlington, VA 22209

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in regards to your Committee's proposal to close Fort Pickett, Virginia. As a Marine Lieutenant, I have deployed on two separate occasions to Ft. Pickett with my platoon of Marines. The training value we were able to capture due to these deployments was a direct result of the outstanding training facilities at Fort Pickett. The ranges at Fort Pickett are some of the best I have ever fired on, from basic infantry small arms to heavy mechanized weapons. This is one of the few places where military units are able to conduct this type of training on the East Coast and do it efficiently. The personnel who operate this base are very professional and are committed to aiding units in achieving the greatest amount of training value during their time at Fort Pickett.

I feel it would be a terrible mistake for this base to be closed. I am a Platoon Commander of an Amphibious Assault Vehicle platoon and during my two deployments, my platoon was able to conduct a wide variety of training. The live fire training included firing weapons that ranged from the 9mm pistol, M16 rifle and medium machine-guns to throwing hand grenades and firing the M2 .50 caliber and Mk 19 40mm heavy machine-guns mounted on our vehicles. The firing of the vehicle's weapon systems was one of the key factors for my unit to deploy to Fort Pickett, because it is one of the few places where we are able to shoot and maneuver our vehicles at the same time. Some of the other training we conducted included land navigation, rappelling, and mechanized operations. A few of the very unique training opportunities we were able to do at Fort Pickett were the Leaders Reaction Course which allowed my Marines to exercise their leadership and problem solving skills, and the Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility which included a live fire exercise.

I know my Battalion has committed itself to conduct annual deployments to Fort Pickett to train. In addition, there are a number of other battalions from the 2d Marine Division, most notable 2d Tank Bn, who have also committed themselves to conduct training at Fort Pickett. These Marine units are a small percentage of the units who utilize this base. If this base is closed, 2d Marine Division as well as other units from all over the Armed Services will lose a valuable facility where we can hone our combat skills. I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to close Fort Pickett. The value of the training which units conduct on a yearly basis is immense and this is the main reason why Fort Pickett should be left off the base closure list.

Sincerely,

Joseph C Murray

Joseph C. Murray

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR FORT PICKETT**

**WHEREAS, Fort Pickett was established as a vital training and mobilization facility to support the United States Armed Services; and**

**WHEREAS,Fort Pickett is comprised of 46,000 acres of land, located in the counties of Nottoway, Dinwiddie and Brunswick of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Pickett has continued operations since World War II to provide valuable military training services to various regular and reserve military units and other non-military units; and**

**WHEREAS, because of its large mass and supportive surrounding civilian community, Fort Pickett provides a rare opportunity for a wide range of military training, including that relating to heavy artillery, tanks, air operations and urban combat; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Pickett has developed important services over the years to serve both the needs of the military and civilian communities, including public water, public sewer and a joint military/civilian airport; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Pickett has become an important employer of civilian work force and is one of the largest single employers in the southside region of Virginia; and**

**WHEREAS, Fort Pickett and the surrounding region, including the County of Prince Edward and the Town of Farmville, have developed a strong and mutually supportive relationship over the past fifty years; now**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce, through this resolution, hereby expresses its appreciation and support of Fort Pickett; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce hereby urges the United States Department of Defense, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, the United States Congress, and the President, to fully recognize the valuable role that Fort Pickett serves in support of overall United States Military readiness**

**Adopted this 5th day of April, 1995, Farmville, Virginia.**

Joyce P. Eggleston

**Joyce P. Eggleston, President**
**Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce**

*Town of McKenney*
*Post Office Box 309*
*McKenney, Virginia 23872*

RESOLUTION

The Town Council of McKenney, Virginia, at a Special Called Council Meeting on March 16th., 1995, at 8:00 P.M., in the Town Hall, passed the following resolution.

Whereas, the Department of Defense has announced that Fort Pickett has been included on the list of military bases targeted for closure; and,

Whereas, the community and its leaders feel the recommendation to close Fort Pickett is based on incorrect information; and,

Whereas, Fort Pickett provides employment to 33 citizens of Dinwiddie County, and the Town of McKenney, and $5000,000 in income, which if lost would also impact business and economic activity in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of McKenney, Virginia joins with the localities of Blackstone, Nottoway, Brunswick, Mecklenberg, Crew, Lunenberg, Amelia, Dinwiddie and our legislators in their effort to convince the 1995 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission to remove Fort Pickett from the closure list.

Given under my hand and seal of the Town of McKenney, Virginia, this 20th. day of March, 1995.

Virginia S. Howard
Clerk of the Council

C. T. Mansfield
Mayor

Ft Pickett
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The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
Arlington, VA 22209

April 25, 1995

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I wish to express my opinion directly to you and your appointed commissioners on the proposed closure of Fort Pickett, Virginia.

I have dedicated 24 years of my civilian service career at Fort Pickett. Fort Pickett, as a customer service installation, is of tremendous value to all Department of Defense services. It is true, we are but a small group of people in the overall scheme of organizational structures throughout the Department of Defense. However, I challenge anyone to provide the services that this limited staff can offer.

I have heard repeatedly how easy it will be to close Fort Pickett because there are so few civilians and environmental issues. How confused this "fast moving train" of closing bases has gotten. Sir, the "few" of us are all part of the best training facility of its kind in this area. We have accomplished so much with so little for so long and are now going to be penalized for "efficiency with less".

I'm sure the initial data submissions concerning capabilities have been corrected or expanded to reflect the true assets and military value of Fort Pickett - newly renovated Airfield, MOUT/MAC facility, FORSCOM petroleum training module, railheads, tank and manuever areas, mobilization capabilities, firing ranges, etc.

I have always felt I was part of a very important team directly contributing to unit readiness. The specific service, i.e, Department of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, etc., never really mattered to us. We have a job to do.

The transfer from FORSCOM to US Army Reserve Command has not been fully implemented and we have been "given up". I feel we were betrayed by both MACOMS. We were just busily converting military positions to civilians and getting on with the work at hand. How insensitive can the process be? We had personnel reporting up until just a few days before the announcement. Were we sold out by the Reserve Command because we did not train as many "reserve" units as national guard and Active Army? What possible difference can it make? Unit readiness for the freedom of the country is the key to maintaining our way of life.

I understand the need to downsize in these times of budget reductions. However, I am concerned that re-directed training to other bases such as AP Hill, Fort Bragg, etc., will require the government to expend additional funding to duplicate facilities that already exist. Surely, that will not happen.

I make my home just outside the boundaries of Fort Pickett. I recognize and welcome the many sounds of freedom. My neighbors also accept the unrestricted firing, the rumble of tanks on the move, convoys, firing, aircraft traffic, etc., with no complaints. No local opposition from the surrounding communities from all the activity at an installation is "RARE".

Sir, I appeal to you and your staff to re-look the military value, joint use by all services, and low cost of conducting training at Fort Pickett. Please don't lose this valuable training installation from the Army inventory.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Martha Stone

MARTHA H. STONE
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I apologize if you receive this letter twice; however, I understand there is a possibility the original was lost before actual mailing. I did feel this matter important enough to mail again and communicate with you.

Martha Stone

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Rosalie P. Sheffield
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April 24 - 1995

Honorable Alan J. Dixon
BRAC Commission
1700 North Moore Street - Suite 1425
Arlington - Virginia - 22209

Dear Honorable Dixon -
I am writing to you with concern that the "BRAC" Commission is considering the "Closure" of Fort Pickett, near Blackstone Va - Fort Pickett has many High Quality Training areas and is an "Asset" for the Military use; it can be Ready for many uses of Military Training at a Moments Notice - It has its own Air Field, Railroad Siding, Dark Training areas, nice Barracks ready for use, and many Training Facilities - It is a

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April 6, 1995

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

Dear Sir:

I have attached a copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Kenbridge requesting that Fort Pickett be kept open as a military facility for the Armed Forces of the United States.

Please include this correspondence with that sent on April 5th.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Roark

Ronald E. Roark

cc: Barry Paul Steinberg

Attachment:

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fort Pickett, located in the counties of Nottoway, Lunenburg, Brunswick, and Dinwiddie, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, was established as a vital training and mobilization facility for the combined United States Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Pickett currently provides training for various regular military units, reserves and other nonmilitary personnel; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Pickett provides training opportunities for a wide range of training including, but not limited to heavy artillery, tanks, air operations, urban combat and an airport with a 5,300 feet runway capable of handling the C130 and C17 aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Pickett provides training and mobilization services vital to the defense of our county in each of the major conflicts since World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Pickett provides training and mobilization capabilities for the United States Armed Forces unequaled on the East Coast of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Kenbridge, Lunenburg County, Virginia, hereby requests that the United States Department of Defense, the Base Realignment and Closure

Commission, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States to fully recognize the important and valuable role that Fort Pickett serves in support of overall military readiness and that full consideration be given to keep Fort Pickett open as a vital military facility for the Armed Forces of the United States.

RESOLVED this 21st day of March, 1995.

Richard W Harris

Richard W, Harris
Mayor
Town of Kenbridge, Virginia

Attest:

Jesse C. Carter

Jesse C. Carter
Clerk
Town of Kenbridge, Virginia

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7 March 1995

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

Dear BRAC Commissioner,

I am writing to voice my concern on the announcement on 28 February 1995. The Department of the Army and Department of Defense have recommended **Fort Pickett** Virginia for closure trying to reduce defense spending. If this actually happens, I feel it would be very detrimental to the defense mission of this country.

Where else on the east coast can you find a multi-service training facility that can provide ranges and other training facilities to prepare active duty, reserve, and national guard troops for their missions. **Fort Pickett** can do this with a relatively small annual operating budget of approximately $16 million.

The following **Fort Pickett** assets should be taken into consideration before a final decision is made:

(1) Consisting of approximately **45,000 acres** in an area where land values are low in comparison to other areas in the east. This area does not have heavy air traffic. Artillery and mortar fire can be conducted without danger to aircraft. The surrounding area is thinly populated to that the noise from artillery and tank fire does not bring complaints from the surrounding communities.

(2) An **airfield** which can accommodate **C-130 aircraft**. It has a modern **5300** foot runway making **Fort Pickett** accessible to many units.

(3) **15 direct-fire** ranges capable of firing all small arms up to and including **.50 caliber** machine gun.

(4) **Four** tank ranges that support firing of main tank cannon for tank tables VI through VIII (including both stationary and moving targets).

(5) An approximate **4,000-acre impact area** where all types of grenade and anti-tank rockets can be used enabling the Air Force and Navy to conduct strafing and bombing exercises using **F-16s, F-14s, F-18s, A-10s, and A-6s**. It can also accommodate Apache and Cobra attack helicopters which can fire rockets and 20/30mm cannons into the impact area.

(6) A mock combat city for training personnel to operate in urban environments in war time and in operations other than those associated with war. This village has 16 buildings strong enough for troops to repel onto them from helicopters. It also has an adjacent facility where live fire can be used by troops in a village scenario.

(7) Many lakes and streams where engineers can build bridges and other structures.

(8) Large open area (airfield and drop zones) for use by airborne units.

(9) Provides training capabilities for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police organizations, and special operations, such as the Navy Seals.

(10) A central tank wash facility for cleansing both wheeled and track vehicles.

(11) Is a **Mobilization and Training Equipment Site and a Training Equipment Concentration Site** that can store, maintain, and repair equipment so that it does not have to be transported by units coming to train.

(12) Accessible to at least **100,000 Army Reserve and National Guard troops**.

(13) An Ammunition Supply Point capable of handling **2700** tons of ammo and provides as many as **22,245** rounds of artillery, tank and mortar ammo during a single year of training.

(14) A quarry sites where stone is mined for maintaining as many as 240 miles of tank trails.

(15) An on-site water treatment and sewage treatment plant which prevents delays associated with the permitting process.

(16) **One of the largest mobilization sites on the east coast**. **Fort Pickett** did an outstanding job with mobilization during Desert Storm, without an increase in staff.

(17) Provides heated/air conditioned barracks for at least **12,000** personnel. The post also has **chapels, a medical clinic, a modern theater, Post exchanges, a bowling alley, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a gymnasium, ball fields, tennis courts and other recreational activities for off-duty personnel.**

Where do you see so much savings with the closure of **Fort Pickett** when training units will have to spend more time and money traveling to training sites that do not have the capabilities of **Fort Pickett**. If the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense would make sure all their information is correct and take a closer look at all the facts, they would see that these other installations cannot provide the facilities that are available at **Fort Pickett**. If cuts are

necessary, why close an installation that has so much to offer with such a small price tag.

Also, I would like to comment on the reduction of **Kenner Army Community Hospital** to a clinic. Do they realize that there are thousands and thousands of personnel who utilize the medical services provided by that facility? Do they realize the distance people will have to travel to secure services at Portsmouth Naval Hospital or Walter Reed Army Medical Center, both of which are already overly burdened? Where do you see the benefit?

I sincerely feel that the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense need to take another look at their recommendations for **Fort Pickett** and **Kenner Army Community Hospital**.

Thank you for your time and consideration to the issue I have presented.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Williams

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Honorable Alan J Dixon
Defense Base Closure + Realignment Comm
1700 North Moore St
Arlington VA 22209

Dear Alan Dixon:

Please Reevaluate The BRAC Commission listing of Fort Pickett as a possible base closing. Fort Pickett Should remain Operational it offers MANY unique features to All services (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force)

Thank you for this opportunity to encourage you + the Commission to Keep Fort Pickett OPEN — Sincerely, Empsy Munden

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7 March 1995

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

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Sincerely,

William L. Cheek

# KENBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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April 10, 1995

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are very concerned about the recent announcement of the closing of Fort Pickett. We strongly object to the closing of this facility. Our county of Lunenburg, which adjoins Fort Pickett, is now showing almost 10% unemployment rate for the last reporting period. We are a rural town surrounded by a rural county that has a number of persons employed by the United States Government at Fort Pickett. Please consider the serious employment consequences we will face if this base is closed. This installation also offers recreation and educational opportunities for all the surrounding communities.

Fort Pickett has always scored high marks for its training facilities and ability to interact in positive ways with the surrounding communities. We think these services and jobs generated at Fort Pickett deserve a reconsideration of the closing directive.

We recommend a vote to keep this facility **open** for the benefit of the government and local community of which we serve.

Sincerely,

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Kenbridge, Virginia

Lanna J. Thompson

Lanna J. Thompson
Secretary

7 March 1995

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1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1425
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The following **Fort Pickett** assets should be taken into consideration before a final decision is made:

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I am writing this letter in regards to your Committee's proposal to close Fort Pickett, Virginia. As a Marine Lieutenant, I have deployed on two separate occasions to Ft. Pickett with my platoon of Marines. The training value we were able to capture due to these deployments was a direct result of the outstanding training facilities at Fort Pickett. The ranges at Fort Pickett are some of the best I have ever fired on, from basic infantry small arms to heavy mechanized weapons. This is one of the few places where military units are able to conduct this type of training on the East Coast and do it efficiently. The personnel who operate this base are very professional and are committed to aiding units in achieving the greatest amount of training value during their time at Fort Pickett.

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Sincerely,

Joseph C Murray

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March 27, 1995

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## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT
## FORT PICKETT

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Adopted this 21 day of March, 1995, Prince Edward County, Virginia.

Hugh E. Carwile, Jr.
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I sincerely feel that the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense need to take another look at their recommendations for **Fort Pickett** and **Kenner Army Community Hospital**.

Thank you for your time and consideration to the issue I have presented.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. Danny Dalton
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March 24, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Comission
1700 North Morre Street
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Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Sirs,

I would like to take this opportunity to express by opposition to the closure of the Fort Pickett Military Base in Blackstone, Virginia. This base is a vitally important asset to the Blackstone area and such action would negatively affect all persons living and working in the Town of Blackstone, Nottoway County, and all of Southside Virginia.

Again, I strongly urge you to oppose the closure of this military base, and the devastating effect it would have on our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Fred E Russell

Fred E. Russell
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March 22, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment
1700 North Moore Street
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Arlington, V.A. 22209

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in regards to Fort Pickett's inclusion on the list of base closings. Since Fort Pickett is scheduled for closing on September 30th of this year, I would like to reiterate the effect the closing will have on the community as a whole and the military value of Fort Pickett.

The loss of 9 military and 245 civilian jobs will naturally have a negative effect on the economic vitality of the surrounding counties of Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Lunenburg and Nottoway. Although the contribution that Fort Pickett offers this community is invaluable, I realize that the case for keeping it open must be made on the basis of military value.

With this in mind, I would like to mention a few points that should be considered carefully by your commission. First of all, Fort Pickett provides excellent, low-cost training to both active-duty and reserve personnel in all of the branches of military service. Second, its 45,000 acres are largely restriction-free from any environmental concerns. And third, the fort's 5,500 foot runway; proximity to both Norfolk Southern and CSX railroad tracks; and the closeness to I-95 and I-85 make it an attractive location for transportation. This convenient location allows for easy access of military personnel, equipment and other military related activities.

I know you will do whatever you can to keep Fort Pickett open, and thank you in advance for your help.

Yours truly,

Dawn H. Buchanan

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March 21, 1995

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

Gentlemen:

I am writing to express concern that Ft. Pickett has been placed on the BRAC list, since this does affect my hometown area and my relatives who work there.

As you well know, closing Ft. Pickett, in an area such as Blackstone, will certainly be disastrous to the economy, in addition to the 245 civilian employees who will have to look for work elsewhere in an area where good jobs are almost non-existant.

As a small business owner, I understand the necessity of controlling expenses and budget cutting; however, I was given to understand that Ft. Pickett is a viable, cost-effective training center, providing services to our various branches of the military.

It is my hope that Ft. Pickett will be removed from this list, or that some other solution can be formulated to keep this facility open.

Very truly yours,

Alice Mauer

Alice G. Mauer

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March 21, 1995

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1425
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Gentlemen:

As the Superintendent of Schools in Nottoway County, Virginia, I am concerned about the inclusion of Fort Pickett in the most recent round of military installation closures. Fort Pickett, located just outside Blackstone, Virginia, has been a vital part of this community for many years.

I believe that the closure of Fort Pickett will severely damage the mutually beneficial working relationships that have developed between the military and the residents of small rural communities such as Nottoway County. This relationship has included a tie between the schools and the military. In a school system that has approximately 750 high school age youngsters, almost twenty-five percent (25%) support the military through participation in our Junior Reserve Officer Training Program at Nottoway High School.

It is evident to me as Superintendent, that much of the success of this fine program, which identifies and trains potential military personnel, is the result of a continued positive presence of a military installation in this rural area. I also believe that a primary reason that we have been able to attract quality military personnel as instructors for this program is the proximity to a military installation. Many of the family members have been employed at Fort Pickett in a part-time summer job capacity, thereby creating a positive relationship between the civilian population and the military. It would seem that this type of relationship between rural communities and the military would be an important consideration.

There have been a number of written articles and radio news commentators in Virginia who have said that the inclusion of base closures is strictly a military decision with no regard to the economic impact on a community. While I am sure that the primary concern is one of financial impact on the military, as a citizen and veteran, I find it difficult to believe that the military would blatantly disregard the impact on a community. As a veteran, I can recall that during times that many individuals across this land were outspoken against the military, it was often the small rural communities such as Nottoway County who continued to support the government and from where many of the soldiers came. I believe that rural America continues to be the strong patriotic base for this country.

The removal or closure of Fort Pickett will adversely effect this community. Fort Pickett, just being on the listing of possible closures, has already effected the school budget process for the upcoming school year. At a time when the schools need to be moving forward, incorporating technology into the math and science curriculums, the County is concerned about the economic impact of this closure.

Funding shortages will effect the preparation of students who need this type of exposure to be qualified for today's military experiences. Over the past months, there have been a number of changes at Fort Pickett. The community has worked closely with military officials to expand and improve the airport runway at the post. Community officials have, in anticipation of a positive economic impact, approved the construction of a new high school in Nottoway which would help to attract business and serve families which might be stationed at Fort Pickett.

As an educational leader in this community, it appears to me that the military would be better served to maintain its presence in some of the smaller rural communities and consider cost cutting options in other areas.

Sincerely,

James G. Blevins
Division Superintendent

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March 20, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street
Arlington, Va 22209

Dear Commission:

I am a citizen of Dinwiddie County and run McKenney Hardware in McKenney, Va. My home is within ten miles of Fort Pickett. I trained at Fort Pickett when I was a member of The 275th Supply Co. at Fort Pickett several years ago.

My experiences with Fort Pickett have all been positive. I have found Fort Pickett to be an extremely valuable assett to Dinwiddie County, my business, and to the United States of America.

I believe that it would be a mistake to close Fort Pickett. Please do everything you can to keep Fort Pickett open.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Tucker, Jr.

William C. Tucker, Jr.
President

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12 MARCH 1995

TO:

THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION (BRAC)
170 NORTH MOORE STREET
SUITE 1425
ARLINGTON, VA. 22209

DEAR COMMISSIONERS:

I AM WRITING TO YOU IN REFERENCE TO THE FUTURE OF FORT PICKETT IN SOUTHERN VIRGINIA HAVING ARRIVED AT FORT PICKETT IN AUGUST 1994 I WAS AMAZED TO FIND HOW WELL ALL THE FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INTERACT HERE. EVER SINCE MY ARRIVAL HERE FORT PICKETT HAS APPEARED TO BE MORE OF A 'REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER' THAN AN ARMY POST. I HAVE MET ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY, MARINES, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND VIRGINIA STATE POLICE, TO NAME JUST A FEW.

FORT PICKETT WOULD BE BETTER SUITED AS 'THE EAST COAST REGIONAL TESTING AND TRAINING CENTER' TO BE ADMINISTERED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RATHER THAN THE ARMY. THE NEW CUMBERLAND ARMY DEPOT WAS TRANSFORMED INTO DDRE (DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION REGION EAST) AND ASSIGNED WITH SUPPLYING ALL BRANCHES OF THE SERVICE RATHER THAN JUST THE ARMY. FORT PICKETT COULD DO THE SAME IN THE TESTING AND TRAINING SIDE OF THE HOUSE.

FORT PICKETT IS LOCATED IN A VERY UNIQUE LOCATION. IT IS AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LIVE. THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION LIVES BETWEEN BOSTON, MA. AND NORFOLK, VA. AND IN 300 MILES. THERE ARE GOOD QUALITY, MAJOR ROADS INTO FORT PICKETT WHICH ALLOWS THE EASY TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT. MANY UNITS CAN TRANSPORT THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT TO FORT PICKETT WITHOUT AN UNNECESSARY DRAIN ON THEIR LIMITED RESOURCES.

FORT PICKETT IS IN A LOW POPULATION AREA WHICH ALLOWS GREATER FREEDOM IN THE TRAINING SCHEDULE. AFTER ALL, WARS ARE NOT FOUGHT ONLY DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. THIS ISOLATION ALLOWS THE TROOPS TO EXPERIENCE AND TRAIN WITH LARGER SIZE LOADS WHEN ON THE RANGES. THERE IS ALSO ROOM TO BUILD AND OPERATE SIMULATORS ONCE THE TROOPS LEARN TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT IN A SIMULATOR THEY CAN GO RIGHT TO THE FIELD TO PUT THAT TRAINING TO USE BEFORE THEY FORGET THE FINE POINTS THEY LEARNED IN THE CLASS. EVEN THOUGH THE SIMULATORS ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE REAL THING, IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME. AMONG OTHER THINGS THE ACTUAL NOISE AND BACKBLAST ARE HARD TO SIMULATE.

EVEN WITH FORT PICKETT'S CENTRAL LOCATION AND VARIED FACILITIES THERE ARE VIRTUALLY **NO** ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. IN FACT WE HAVE A RARE PLANT THAT THRIVES IN THE FRESH BOMB CRATERS OUT IN THE

IMPACT AREA. WHEN COMPARED TO SO MANY OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES THIS ALONE IS A MAJOR PLUS.

THE COST SAVINGS OF SENDING UNITS TO FORT PICKETT RATHER THAN OTHER BASES IS ANOTHER PLUS. ONE MARINE TANK UNIT SAVES ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY USING FORT PICKETT RATHER THAN THEIR ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE. IF THIS ONE COMPANY SAVES THAT MUCH A YEAR, THINK HOW MUCH ALL THE OTHER UNITS ARE SAVING. IT WOULD BE EASY TO RECOVER THE COST OF OPERATING FORT PICKETT AND SHOW A NET SAVINGS TO THE OVERALL DEFENSE BUDGET.

SAVINGS WOULD BE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE GENERAL BUDGET AS WELL. FORT PICKETT IS THE MAJOR EMPLOYER AND SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THIS REGION. WHILE THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 247 PERMANENT JOBS AT FORT PICKETT, THERE ARE ABOUT 800 SEASONAL JOBS AS WELL. MANY PEOPLE WORK THESE JOBS AS THEIR MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME. THAT BRINGS THE TOTAL TO ABOUT 1047 JOBS LOST WHEN FORT PICKETT CLOSES. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD THEN END UP ON WELFARE, AN EXPENSE ON THE BUDGET THAT DOES NOT SHOW A VALUABLE RETURN.

REALIGNING FORT PICKETT INTO "THE EAST COAST REGIONAL TESTING AND TRAINING CENTER" UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WOULD NOT ONLY SAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MONEY ACROSS THE BOARD, IT WOULD ALSO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TRAINING AND READINESS OF THE OVERALL ARMED FORCES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONCERN IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY:

Markley L. Streeper

MARKLEY L. STREEPER
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICE
FORT PICKETT, VA. 23824

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DEAR SIR:

I KNOW YOU ARE BUSY SO THIS WILL BE BRIEF.

BLACKSTONE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES NEED AND WANT TO RETAIN FORT PICKETT FOR IT'S MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP IT OPEN.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I REMAIN

YOURS VERY TRULY,

John O Lee

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March 10, 1995

Mr. John O. Lu
Garrett, Moon & Pool, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Lu:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

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Route 2, Box 81-7
Victoria, Va 23974
March 9, 1995

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

Gentlemen:

As an employee of Fort Pickett, I feel our base was not given fair consideration when it was placed on the BRAC list. Fort Pickett has a lot to offer troops who conduct training there, both active and reserve forces. It is my understanding a portion of this training cannot be accomplished at other bases.

Comments from units that train there have always been very complimentary, from the cooperation of employees to what actually is offered. Fort Pickett has worked to be very cost effective and has been able to provide more for less.

It is my hope that the Commission will see the benefits to realign Fort Pickett or remove it from the BRAC list.

Sincerely,
Frances G. Fowler

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 13, 1995

Ms. Frances G. Fowler
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Victoria, VA 23974

Dear Ms. Fowler:

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Sincerely,

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Staff Director

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DEAR SIR:

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PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP IT OPEN.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I REMAIN

YOURS VERY TRULY,

Joyce L. Dailey

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March 10, 1995

Ms. Joyce L. Waley
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Dear Ms. Waley:

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Sincerely,

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Staff Director

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YOURS VERY TRULY,

Shirley B. Pool

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March 10, 1995

Ms. Shirley B. Pool
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Dear Ms. Pool:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

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The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Gentlemen:

I was both surprised and distressed to see that nearby Fort Pickett has been included on the list of military bases scheduled for closure. I honestly do not understand why the value of Pickett to the military has been given a low rating.

I watched Pickett being built in 1942. More than one million men trained there to later fight in the far-flung battlefields of World War II. I saw Pickett close in 1946 and witnessed the resultant economic depression that followed. I saw it reopened in 1950 when the North Koreans marched south. I witnessed its closing in 1954 when once again this community went into an economic tailspin.

The impact of the sudden loss of so many families was so severe to the economy that businessmen banned together and begged the Army to either use Pickett or declare it surplus so that the area could be used by industry. The Army testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee that it could not dispose of Pickett because it was needed in the event of full mobilization. Since that time, the post has gradually been used by numbers of National Guard and Reserve troops for weekend and annual training. There has been no boom and bust as before and the post has become a very important part of this community. We actually felt that the years of suffering from previous closings had been for something worthwhile. Today, we have to wonder.

You have one of the toughest jobs one can imagine. To a degree, the defense of this nation is in your hands. The economic survival of communities, such as Blackstone, is also in your hands. This rural area, with a minority population of 42 percent needs jobs. While I understand that all communities near military bases slated for closure will suffer, I doubt seriously any would suffer nearly as much as this area.

I would ask you to seriously weigh the value of Fort Pickett as a training area for National Guard, Army Reserve and Regular Army troops. Please also consider the use made by the Air Force, Marines, Navy, SEALS, FBI and others. Then consider Pickett's comparatively low budget and also the relatively low value of the real estate in the event it should be declared surplus and sold.

Also worthy of your consideration is the support given Fort Pickett and the military by the citizens of this area. Despite more than 50 years of window rattling from artillery fire, the citizens of this area do not complain. They understand how important it is for this nation to have a strong defense as a deterrent to war.

Please consider also that when this nation needed a place to train soldiers for World War II, more than 300 families gave up their land and their ancestoral homes, turned their backs on their life's work and with little compensation began a new life. The people of this area have made a sizeable contribution to the defense of this country. We are proud of the military and we are proud of our contribution.

Placing Fort Pickett in a caretaker situation with only a handful of personnel would be contrary to the best interests of this area and to this country. Making more use of a military base with the ranges and other facilities found at Pickett makes a lot more sense.

I ask that you give serious consideration to what I have written. I pray that God will be with you in your deliberations.

Respectfully,

James D. Coleburn
Publisher

JDC/cdw

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 10, 1995

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207-211 South Main Street
Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Mr. Coleburn:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

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Darrell Whittaker
2501 Lee Ave.
Victoria, VA 23974
March 14, 1995

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

Dear Sir:

This is not a form letter and wish my concerns be read.

BRAC was a serious shock when our post commander made the announcement of Fort Pickett's closure on 1 OCT 1996. It's the topic of conversation at home, work, and throughout our community.

My concerns are simple. As an ex-Marine our National Defense is a must. I have trained at Paris Island, SC, Camp Lejeune, NC, throughout California, and finally in Vietnam. I'm a 22 plus year firefighter at Fort Pickett Fire Department. I have seen all the training facilities here and Fort Pickett is unique due to its size and capability of training troops year round without many restrictions.

My question that I need answered is why close Fort Pickett. Realign it to be all it can be. A 16 million dollar budget is nothing to the defense dollar. With your input to constituents and BRAC this can happen. I am a realist and know the odds of getting off closure, but lets realign the post.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief
Darrell L Whittaker

Darrell Whittaker

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 17, 1995

Mr. Darrell Whittaker
2501 Lee Avenue
Victoria, VA 23974

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

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Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

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9210 Wilson Road
Wilsons, Virginia 23894
March 13, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1425
ARLINGTON, VA. 22209

Dear Commission Members:

Your concern in the effort to save FORT PICKETT is requested.

As the wife of the supervisor of DOL MAINTENANCE, FORT PICKETT, I am very much aware of the work and training done at the BASE.

I remember well the hard work done during Desert Storm, and it is very hard to think now the BASE is considered of no value to the ARMY.

Please look long and hard at the many things that FORT PICKETT offers to the many MILITARY that train there.

Please save FORT PICKETT.

Sincerely yours,

Julia H. Springston

Julia H. Springston

P.S. Wife of National Guard Member with 28 Years
Mother of Reserve Member of 12 Years
of Service

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 16, 1995

Mr. Leonard W. Blevins
P.O. Box 268
Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Mr. Blevins:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

March 14, 1995

Dear Sir:

Before a final decision is made on the fate of Fort Pickett, please consider all of the following points of military value, we have to offer:

* New 5200 ft. Runway (Completed 1994)
* Railhead at Airport
* 2 Railheads on Post
* 4 Fully Capable State of the Art Tank Ranges
* Decontamination Training Facility
* Tank Washing Facility
* MOUT Site (Mock City used for Urban Infantry Training)

I have spoken personally with several Military Officers and they have expressed their feelings as to why they prefer to train at Fort Pickett as opposed to their sites. These are the people that truly know where they get the most for their "training dollars". This is the area where great savings of tax-payer monies lie. Moving troops great distances, just to train, is ridiculous and cost millions. No military post has more to offer in the training of the American Military Force.

The Navy Seal Teams have been asked to leave other training sites, (probably because of their intensive training) but Fort Pickett welcomes them with open arms. Most of their training is classified and what better place to do this.

If you will take the time, and I pray you will, to seek out the Commanders of Troops that train here, they will tell you they get more training for their money than anywhere else they have been. These fine military officers are not allowed to come to you with their opinions for fear of reprimand.

These decisions you have to make in such a short time are not easy, but if you are truly sincere in doing what is right for America - Pickett will be spared!!

Thank You,
God Bless America

Leonard W. Blevins

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 16, 1995

Ms. Julia H. Springston
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Calvin N. Sharpe
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March 14,1995

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Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday, February 28, 1995 the Secretary of Defense announced that Fort Pickett was on the Base Closure List. This was due to very low military value as compared to other major training installations.

We at Fort Pickett offer a multi-service facility to be used by the Army, Marines, Navy, Airforce, National Guard, Army Reserve, FBI, CIA, ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, USMC Reserve, contractors performing gun testing, and other specialized units.

Fort Pickett has four fully capable tank ranges available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Such ranges as these cannot be found at any military installation between Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Drum, NY. In addition we have 16 other ranges for small arms, rifle, .50 caliber, and 155 artillery training. The ranges and monition's impact area at Fort Pickett provide the only comprehensive unrestricted combined arms training opportunity for all military training forces in the Mid-Atlantic region. This impact area is also used to fire rockets from vehicle rocket launchers. The impact area consists of 8,000 acres.

Fort Pickett has a MOUT site and a 16 building Mock City Live Fire Assault Course for training of any kind. No other Mid-Atlantic regional training location has this available for urban infantry training as well as Federal Bureau of Investigations and state and local law enforcement agencies.

Fort Pickett has 244 square miles of controlled airspace with a ceiling of 18,000 feet reserved for military usage. This airspace is reserved around the clock, seven days a week for artillery and tanks firing not only at night and allows the munitions to be delivered from greater distances. This is due to the flexibility that is unique to Fort Pickett.

Fort Pickett has an ammunition supply point storage area for the purpose of storing ammunition for training purposes. This ammunition supply point consists of 24 magazine storage areas with security 24 hours a day.

Fort Pickett has all new updated railroad tracks leading onto post serviced by Norfolk Southern Corporation. Also a new railhead was built at the airfield for on and off loading.

Fort Pickett has just completed a new airfield runway that is 5,300 feet long to accommodate the C-130 as well as the C-17 that will be the airlift aircraft of the future. We also have and assault air strip landing zone to be used in combat training for realistic wartime scenarios.

Fort Pickett has lakes and rivers for amphibious training by tanks and other types of vehicles.

Fort Pickett has a new updated multi-million dollar tank wash facility to wash tanks and equipment after training exercises. The water used in this facility is recycled for further use.

If Fort Pickett closes approximately 90,000 troops that annually train at Fort Pickett will not be able to train effectively at alternate installations. This is because other installations are at capacity or are not as equipped for training as Fort Pickett. The cost to update other installations would be enormous. Units will lose training time in traveling further distances to other installations. These alternative facilities do not offer the types of terrain that is essential for proper and necessary training of armored and artillery units. We have tanks on post for units to train and these are maintained by MATES on post.

Fort Pickett was used to train troops for Desert Storm just a few years ago. It was a mobilization point for units called into active service. Also many of the shops on post worked on painting vehicles prior to shipment for use in Operation Desert Storm.

In closing I request that Fort Pickett be taken off the base closure list due to the need of a strong defense instead of a weak offense. Fort Pickett is too important to DOD to lose due to the low cost per capita of training. We have an annual budget of 16 million dollars with 260 permanent employees and 170 seasonal employees during peak periods. Also to clean up the impact area would cost millions of dollars if not billions of dollars. The most prudent point is that military units should be well trained and equipped with modern equipment and should be used at installations that can handle the load as Fort Pickett can.

I appreciate your time and consideration in which I have tried to request to keep Fort Pickett alive and well and training our soldiers for years to come so they will be ready when called upon at a minutes notice.

Sincerely,

Calvin N. Sharpe

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3/10/95 Ft. Pickett 3-14 ①

"BRAC":

Dear Sir:

Fifty two years ago (1943) with 80-100 thousand troops at then Camp Pickett I was a civilian Post Office Clerk at the Main Post Office. We were working 12 hour days, six to seven days a week, straight time wages of 65¢ per hour. This is when I fell in love with Pickett. It must sound peculiar to speak of falling in love with an Army Post. Maybe being in love with a high school sweetheart at the time had something to do with it. Nevertheless, I have been in love with Pickett since that time when I went into the Army myself, returning to the Post again in 1945 when I was discharged. The memories, the nostalgia brought me back to Pickett when it reopened in 1950 for the Korean War. This time I was hired as Chief Accountant for the Army Hospital and remained until it closed again in 1954. Later in 1960 I became Postmaster of Blackstone and once again was opening and closing branch Post Offices at Pickett as Guard and Army Reserve units continue their training in the Spring-Summer months. Now retired and living nearby in Blackstone I go jogging on trails at Pickett almost everyday.

Please consider the relatively brief but memorable history of Pickett in your decision. The old land-marks of WW II and the memories which so many of us hold for Pickett

should certainly be taken into consideration. You can't place a dollar sign on memories, the value of old remembered landmarks and places, the nostalgia of an old Army Post, the old Army life.

Thank you,

Robert W Bunting
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AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

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March 14, 1995

Mr. Robert W. Buntin
411 9th Street
Blackstone, VA 23824-2417

Dear Mr. Buntin:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

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Staff Director

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March 10, 1995

The Base Realignment and
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Dear Members of the BRAC Commission:

I am writing to urge you to keep Fort Pickett open. The only possible explanation for the Army recommendation that Fort Pickett be placed on the closure list is that it was not fully aware of the utility of the base and the opportunity for long term use and range expansion. I have worked on Fort Pickett for over ten years now. I am currently employed there as the Wildlife Administrator. My knowledge of the installation is extensive and I would like to share some of my insights with you.

First and foremost is that Fort Pickett is very important in it's mission of military training. I have seen the training mission on the base increase greatly over the last five years. The problem is that we are a multi-service training facility. We train army (18th airborne corps and 10th Mountain), Navy (SEALS), Air Force, National Guard, Army reserves, and Marines. The Marines alone have come up from Camp Lejune to train for five months this year. This multi-service mission has created an identity crisis for the base. In the short time that I have worked on Fort Pickett, we have been a TRADOC, FORSCOM, and now USARC installation. Our clientele is so diverse that no one knows where to align the installation. Personally I believe we should be included in the Military District of Washington.

I have a cousin who is an officer in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Lejune. He has come to train at Fort Pickett for three months this year. I have asked him why they come to Fort Pickett instead of staying at Camp Lejune or going to Fort Bragg or APHill. He points to environmental constraints at Camp Lejune and Fort Bragg that won't allow them to train as they need to. He points out that APHill does not provide the training facilities that they need to accomplish their mission. He has been very impressed by the training facilities, the professional personnel and the opportunity to train without having to worry about endangered species on Fort Pickett. I have heard these same comments made over and over by military personnel who come here to train. I encourage you to make your own inquiries to unit commanders who have trained at Fort Pickett and how we compare to other nearby installations where they have trained.

I believe that the information that the Army used in their recommendation was erroneous. The

information gathering process that I was involved in was poor. We were provided with ambiguous questions and were given little guidance or time in order to properly provide the needed information. On several occasions we were required to answer the same question repeatedly. Often the wrong questions were ask so the installation could not respond properly. I believe that if you will allow the Fort Pickett Support Group to review the criteria and provide you with the correct information you yourself will recommend Fort Pickett be removed from the list.

Environmental constraints, especially endangered species, has been a major issue for the Department of Defense for the past half decade. At Fort Bragg, for example, the red-cockaded woodpecker has closed ranges, hampered maneuvering tract vehicles and limited bivouac sites. At Fort Pickett on the other hand, we have been blessed with only one endangered species (Michaux's Sumac) and it is dependant on the training mission to create and maintain the fire generated communities that it depends. This plant has proved to be no impact to the military mission. Nothing has been closed. As a matter of fact, the Virginia Division of Natural Heritage and the US Fish and Wildlife Service have said, they believe that military training is vital to the long term survival of this species. Fort Pickett has the largest population of this rare plant. In most other sites the colonies of this plant numbers less than a hundred individuals. On Fort Pickett we now have more than 50,000 individuals. Fort Bragg is home to the next largest population with only 472 plants. This has provided the Army with several unique opportunities. First it allows the Department of Defense to show that the military mission actually can benefit the environment and, in particular, endangered species. Second, it provides the Department of Defense the opportunity to actually be responsible for delisting an endangered species (something that has never been done on DOD land). And third it makes DOD responsible for effective management of this species, which right now is easy, all we have to do is train. Please take a look at the newspaper article I am enclosing about the plant.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is concerned about the impact of closing of Fort Pickett on the survival of Michaux's sumac. In a letter sent to me on 6 March 95, they indicate that they will want the Army to enter into the formal consultation process indicated in section 7 of the endangered species act to determine the impact of closing on the species. The Fish and Wildlife Service has demonstrated their belief that military training has been the force that has made Fort Pickett the home to the largest population of this endangered species and that closure could place the species in jeopardy.

One last aspect of the endangered species issue is that total cleanup of the impact area is impossible. The fact that Michaux's sumac occupies so much area (270+ acres at this time with more sites being identified daily) and is scattered throughout, makes total cleanup impossible. Yet the population is large enough that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service is open to the possibility of allowing some incidental take for range expansion should the need arise. Part of the reason for their interest and willingness to work with Fort Pickett is that we have initiated genetic and propagation research for future mitigation projects.

In a time of increasing environmental constraints can the Department of Defense afford to lose a installation that not only can train wide open but also be a showcase for environmental

stewardship. I think if you give it up, you will surely miss it later.

One aspect of this closure that stings, is the idea that there will be much savings in closing the base. Fort Pickett has a relatively small budget and personnel figures have dropped to between 200-300 permanent workers. We were told to downsize, so we downsized. We were told to do more with less and we did. At this point we are pretty lean and mean. And by this I am inferring that we are as efficient and cost effective as you could want an installation. As a tax payer, I hate to see us waste millions of dollars on the improvements we have made to upgrade this installation, just to have us close this base. Why turn around and try to build similar facilities somewhere else? Fort Pickett is an efficient installation.

The area around Fort Pickett is rural and economically depressed. A large number of the workers permanent and temporary are minorities. Nottoway county is composed of an almost equal ratio of black and white persons. Many of these people will suffer from the closure of the base. Because many of them grew up in the shadow of Fort Pickett they will not be willing to move. Efforts by the counties economic development committee have proved of little success to bring in much in the way of new industry. The industry that they are able to attract has been mostly low paying minimum wage jobs. The loss of Fort Pickett will be devastating to the community and a loss of one of the best employers of minorities. I do not see any new industry coming to the area to fill this void.

I appreciate your efforts on this committee. I do not envy you the task that is before you. I hope that you will consider my comments and that you will take the time to carefully review the information that the Fort Pickett Support Group will provide you. And above all please take the time to personally interview some of the commanders who train at Fort Pickett. I am sure that their testimony alone will convince you that there is no where else on the East Coast that has the training opportunities that we can provide at Fort Pickett.

Sincerely,

Alan R Dyck

Alan R. Dyck

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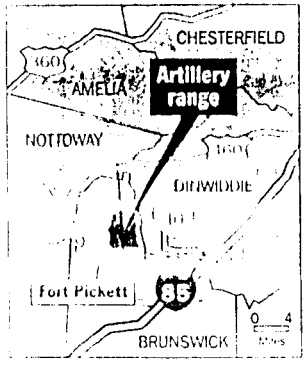
# A blend of beauty and destruction

REX SPRINGSTON/TIMES-DISPATCH

**DANGEROUS DUDS. Rare plants thrive amid unexploded shells at Fort Pickett's artillery range.**

## Explosive growth

Michaux's sumac, a rare plant, finds a suitable habitat on the Fort Pickett artillery range.




## *Fort Pickett's artillery range is home to more than 20,000 rare plants*

**BY REX SPRINGSTON**
TIMES-DISPATCH STAFF WRITER

**FORT PICKETT** — Guns are good for the environment.

That's true, at least, for a rare plant that thrives amid the fiery explosions in the Fort Pickett artillery range.

The plant, Michaux's sumac, is on the federal endangered species list. Until last summer, it was known to exist in about two dozen isolated spots in the Piedmonts and on the western coastal plains of North Carolina and Georgia.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Then Gary P. Fleming, a state ecologist, found the plant in Fort Pickett's "impact area." That's the name for 16 highly restricted square miles into which soldiers fire howitzer and mortar rounds and grenades and illumination rounds for target practice.

Fleming kept looking. What he found surprised botanists, but has gone unpublicized outside scientific circles.

More than 20,000 of the endangered plants thrive amid the craters and mangled targets in the cutover forests.

There are more rare plants on the [illegible] than [illegible] all [illegible] combined.

The frequent and uncontrolled fires started by the shellings apparently provide the sumac a valuable service by destroying competing plants.

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**RARE PLANT. Alan R. Dyck (left), a wildlife administrator, and state ecologist Gary P. Fleming hold Michaux's sumac, an endangered species found growing in the shell craters at Fort Pickett.**

# Artillery range is a blend of beauty and destruction

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Fleming said.

"We were amazed. It's really surprising that this is the biggest and best population known," said Fleming.

Driving through the impact area last week, he saw an eerie blend of beauty and destruction. Spent illumination rounds — flares dangling from small parachutes — hung in trees. Damaged jeeps and other vehicles used as targets dotted the landscape. Trees stood with fire-blackened trunks. Craters were filled with rainwater — instant wetlands for breeding amphibians.

Unexploded shells nestled, nearly hidden, in the leaves and soil on the forest floor.

"In the impact area, we recommend two things — walk softly and carry a form of life insurance," said Alan R. Dyck, Fort Pickett's wildlife administrator.

Fort Pickett suspended shelling during a visit by a reporter — and resumed shortly thereafter.

The presence of the rare plant here shows endangered species don't always limit human activities, Dyck said.

"I don't have to be the bad guy saying you can't do this or that. I just say, back away, because what we're doing is the right thing."

The post, 55 miles southwest of Richmond, serves as a training ground for roughly 50,000 soldiers yearly. Since Fort Pickett was established in 1941, fires have swept frequently through the artillery impact area.

Those fires, Fleming said, maintained thriving hardwood and pine savannas — ecosystems that once flourished in the lowlands of the Southeast but have since nearly disappeared.

The savannas are forests with large, old trees, much open space between them, and grasses such as broom sedge or little bluestem on the forest floor.

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**WATCH YOUR STEP. Searching for Michaux's sumac means tiptoeing around unexploded shells.**

The big trees can withstand the fires, but smaller trees are destroyed. This leaves sunny, open spaces in the forest — an environment that suits Michaux's sumac and other rare species.

Before the settlers came, natural fires from lightning raged through the forests and maintained the savannas. Indians started fires to herd deer and other prey during hunting. The fires helped plants such as the longleaf pine in the coastal plain, which needs bare soil to germinate.

Settlers turned many savannas into farm fields. Then people began putting out forest fires to save trees and property. Smaller trees and shrubs grew up between the large ones, and most savannas ceased to exist.

"Fire used to be common, but it's rare now," said Fleming, who works in the Conservation and Recreation Department's division of natural heritage. "But at [Fort Pickett] you still have fire. And you have a number of rare species that are dependent on fire that persist and thrive here. It's a fascinating story."

In addition to Michaux's sumac, Fort Pickett's impact area also is home to Bachman's sparrow, a rare bird that needs fire to clear out nesting areas near the ground. Torrey's mountain-mint, another rare plant, also thrives here.

But the new star among the rare species is Michaux's (pronounced Mih-SHOWS) sumac. Named after a French botanist who worked in America in the late 18th century, Michaux's sumac is a small shrub — usually 1 foot to 3 feet tall with red berries. During warm months, the plant has green serrated leaves and distinctive, fuzzy hairs that cover its stem and leaves.

Needing sunny, open places, the plant has been found outside Virginia in disturbed areas such as power line rights of way. At Fort Pickett, it inhabits the hardwood savanna.

Much remains unknown about the plant and its reproduction. A patch of several plants can, in fact, be one plant with several sprouts.

Dyck has applied for money from the Department of Defense to finance research on the sumacs of Fort Pickett.

Rare species often occur in rare areas — the savannas in this case. It's important to maintain rare species, Fleming and Dyck said, because they may play key roles in keeping those areas healthy.

"An ecosystem is like a web," Fleming said. "If we start moving a strand, the whole thing can fall apart."

Fleming hopes military closings never hit Fort Pickett. "I think closing the fort would be a real potential threat to this species."

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March 13, 1995

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Dear Mr. Dyck:

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

7 March 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
1700 North Moore Street
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Arlington VA 22209

Dear BRAC Commissioner,

I am writing to voice my concern on the announcement on 28 February 1995. The Department of the Army and Department of Defense have recommended **Fort Pickett** Virginia for closure trying to reduce defense spending. If this actually happens, I feel it would be very detrimental to the defense mission of this country.

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The following **Fort Pickett** assets should be taken into consideration before a final decision is made:

(1) Consisting of approximately **45,000 acres** in an area where land values are low in comparison to other areas in the east. This area does not have heavy air traffic. Artillery and mortar fire can be conducted without danger to aircraft. The surrounding area is thinly populated to that the noise from artillery and tank fire does not bring complaints from the surrounding communities.

(2) An **airfield** which can accommodate **C-130 aircraft**. It has a modern **5300** foot runway making **Fort Pickett** accessible to many units.

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necessary, why close an installation that has so much to offer with such a small price tag.

Also, I would like to comment on the reduction of **Kenner Army Community Hospital** to a clinic. Do they realize that there are thousands and thousands of personnel who utilize the medical services provided by that facility? Do they realize the distance people will have to travel to secure services at Portsmouth Naval Hospital or Walter Reed Army Medical Center, both of which are already overly burdened? Where do you see the benefit?

I sincerely feel that the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense need to take another look at their recommendations for **Fort Pickett** and **Kenner Army Community Hospital**.

Thank you for your time and consideration to the issue I have presented.

Sincerely,

Billy E. Strickland
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Mr. Billy E. Strickland
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Dear Mr. Strickland:

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David S. Lyles
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March 6, 1995

The Defense Base Realignment & Closure Commission
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To the Commission:

As an employee of Fort Pickett and a member of the Fort Pickett Support Group, I am writing to ask that you reassess your decision to place Fort Pickett on the base closure list. Apparently, the initial data used in assessing the military value of Fort Pickett was either incomplete, or was not made available to the Dept of Army research team. I wish to point out several facts that do indeed show the military value of Fort Pickett in comparison to other training installations on the East Coast.

a. The Blackstone Army Airfield was recently upgraded at a cost of $8 million, enabling C-17s to land (C-17s are considered the modern jet transport of the future).

b. Our ranges have distance shooting capabilities that no other bases in the eastern region can boast. We can shoot tanks at Fort Pickett - they cannot shoot tanks at Fort Dawson or Fort A. P. Hill.

c. The Marine Corps from Camp Lejeune, N.C. and the Navy Seal teams train at Fort Pickett year-round, saving millions of dollars in time and travel because of their close proximity to Fort Pickett.

d. The Reserve Component and National Guard unit commanders who train their troops at Fort Pickett, all express the same type of training is unavailable anywhere else because of the state-of-the-art training facilities available at Fort Pickett.

It has been said that politics were not involved in the decision to close Fort Pickett, however, I question whether the Army's decision to include Fort Pickett as a recommended candidate for closure to the BRAC commission was influenced by the knowledge of internal leadership problems Fort Pickett has experienced during the past eighteen months. I hope the Army would not sacrifice an entire installation in order to save embarassment of using poor judgement in the selection of leadership.

Sincerely,

Dolores J. Mullens

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Dear Ms. Mullens:

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I am a Fort Pickett, Virginia civilian employee writing to voice my opinion on the decision to close Fort Pickett, the closure of other installations and realignments. I feel the downsizing of our U.S. military is being made too deep and too fast. With the downsizing already taken and more to come; it will only leave us with a U.S. military undertrained, ill-equipped and over-worked. What has or will happen to the "quality of life" for our soilders? What kind of national security are we going to have for our children and future generations? Our forefathers have afforded us the opportunity to life in a secure nation and we "must" allow the future generations the same. Take a few minutes and look back in your history books at what happened

in the past when we downsized our U.S. military and protecting life was not considered a priority. Untrained troops, inadequate ammunition and ill-maintained equipment brough our youth back home in body bags. Is this what you want for our children? I understand that a certain amount of downsizing is necessary but I feel the cuts already made has created less than full wartime readiness. Protecting America and her fighting forces is far more important. I can't understand why the closure of an installation like Fort Pickett would ever be considered when it is a vital and essential combat training facility. Closing of Fort Pickett and other installations will only continue to cause deterioration of our U.S. fighting forces. I beg of you to please allow our children to continue to have a future. To be able to live and work in a secure America. We must work together to ensure our Country maintains its security; to provide

a "future" for our soldiers, families, and furture generations.

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(6) A mock combat city for training personnel to operate in urban environments in war time and in operations other than those associated with war. This village has 16 buildings strong enough for troops to repel onto them from helicopters. It also has an adjacent facility where live fire can be used by troops in a village scenario.

(7) Many lakes and streams where engineers can build bridges and other structures.

(8) Large open area (airfield and drop zones) for use by airborne units.

(9) Provides training capabilities for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police organizations, and special operations, such as the Navy Seals.

(10) A central tank wash facility for cleansing both wheeled and track vehicles.

(11) Is a **Mobilization and Training Equipment Site and a Training Equipment Concentration Site** that can store, maintain, and repair equipment so that it does not have to be transported by units coming to train.

(12) Accessible to at least **100,000 Army Reserve and National Guard troops**.

(13) An Ammunition Supply Point capable of handling **2700** tons of ammo and provides as many as **22,245** rounds of artillery, tank and mortar ammo during a single year of training.

(14) A quarry sites where stone is mined for maintaining as many as 240 miles of tank trails.

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Dear Commission Members:

As a Military Retiree and Civil Service worker elgiable for retirement,I would like to make a few comments on the subject of the FORT PICKETT base closure.

I feel that the closing of Fort Pickett would be the loss of an extremely valuable training facility. Fort Pickett offers a vast variety of training that would be hard to replace elsewhere.

Fort Pickett with it's 45,000 acre facility is idealy located for year-round training to a wide variety of combat units. With the new airport runway,updated railhead and hard to find variety of trainfire ranges,Fort Pickett is ideal for Infantry, Armor and Artillary training.

In the event that Fort Pickett does close as a Federal Military Post, I feel that the state of Virginia should take a close look at acquiring the post as a state training facility.

With the realignment of reserve forces, combat units will move to the National Guard. This will make Fort Pickett a valuable asset to the state of Virginia and surrounding states for combat unit training.

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March 6, 1995

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I am writing to express my concerns about the recent base closure announcement. As an employee at Fort Pickett, I realize I am somewhat biased in my views; however, I also believe I have personal experience to support them.

As a federal taxpayer, I understand the importance of streamlining government and whether or not I personally agree with downsizing the military, I understand the economics. What concerns me is the rationale for the drawdown. Secretary Perry's comments concerning the military value of the installations on the list (Fort Pickett specifically) were either poorly worded or based on a great deal of misinformation. Regardless, the statement that Fort Pickett has little or no value to the military was a stinging insult to those involved. I have been at Fort Pickett for seventeen years and am still junior to many of the employees there. Like most of them, I consider my contribution to the military a vital one. I assisted in the mobilization for Desert Shield/Desert Storm and have dealt with a multitude of training units from all services over the years. But I am not writing today to complain about the potential loss of my job. I know that downsizing must affect someone.

I am concerned however about the loss of training oppotunities for our soldiers. During the mobilization of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, my impression was that our reserve force (including the National Guard) was poorly prepared for an armed conflict. Fortunately, the Gulf War involved mostly air forces. I believe that if we had been forced into a ground attack many of our soldiers would not have survived. We must not shirk our responsibility to our service members. If we are more concerned with economics than human life, we would be better off to disband the Army Reserve and National Guard completely. If we are not willing to afford them every opportunity to prepare themselves for war, then we should never call on them. If we are so complacent about the military threat, then why maintain the force at all?

But if we have committed ourselves to maintaining some type of military force, then training posts like Fort Pickett must also be maintained, especially if they have unique, one-of-a-kind facilities. Fort Pickett currently has the most extensive tank ranges in the Eastern United States. We also have a live fire Military Operations in Urban Terrain village as well as maneuver areas for elaborate scenarios involving joint services. The completion of the runway repair has added the capability to land C-130s and C-17s. This has opened up a new element in training opporutunities for airborne operations. At Fort Pickett we train all services including Active Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force as well as civilian agencies within the government. I cannot believe that the loss of these facilities is worth the small cost involved to maintain them

If we agree that we cannot deprive the military of these training opportunties but still close Fort Pickett, then it follows reason that other facilities will be made available elsewhere. The Secretary of Defense's statement offered other posts such as Fort Bragg, Fort A.P. Hill and Camp Dawson as comparable replacements. Annually Fort Pickett is host to many units from Fort Bragg who are unable to accomplish necessary training at their home installation. If Fort Bragg could provide what Fort Pickett provides, the 18th Corps would not expend valuable dollars on off-post training. In fact, at this time an Armored Gun Systems test is being conducted at Fort Pickett which had originally been projected for Fort Bragg. Fort Bragg did not have available the facilities to compare with what Fort Pickett was able to offer. Neither Fort A. P. Hill nor Camp Dawson has ranges equal to Fort Pickett. In fact the rumor has already been spreading of plans to construct ranges at A. P. Hill to replace those at Pickett. How can this be justified? The start up costs to obtain necessary maneuver area, build facilities and increase staff to manage them must offset the savings at Fort Pickett. Are the American people victims of a scam by the Department of Defense? Are they showing us what they think we want to see in downsizing, while disguising the increases at other installations as "reorganizations"? I hope that we are not being fooled by statistical trickery.

I am also concerned that these decisions were based on political not military strategies. I am amazed at the need for the formation of the new US Army Reserve Command. All language from DA down has been to streamline management, yet we now have two Major Commands (Forces Command and Reserve Command) to manage a greatly reduced military force. What FORSCOM alone had done for years, now requires two headquarters staffs. And not only did we form the Reserve Command itself, but with the assumption of installation ownership, the Reserve Command was forced to greatly increase the management staff at Fort McCoy, WI, which it tasked with the actual installation management role. If we need to downsize, then let DA do as they have told us to do - eliminate management/headquarters staffs and retain unit sustainment, base support and training personnel.

I am concerned about the disposition of Fort Pickett's properties and facilities if it does close. The 46,000 acres adjoin five counties. The water and sewer systems service the post and the Town of Blackstone. The wildlife management program is a huge part of the recreational environment in the community. The forestry management program fully covers its costs through sales of timber. As a member of the local community, I am concerned about the possible uses for the post. Fort Pickett has been a good neighbor, receiving few complaints about its activities. There are many less desirable enterprises which might surface as replacements. We must be sensitive to the surrounding community in disposing of Fort Pickett if the time comes.

Lastly, I am concerned about the economic impact on Southside Virginia. The loss of Fort Pickett jobs and revenue could easily devastate the local economy. Many businesses in the local area survive only because of the influx of training units throughout the year. With approximately 270 permanent employees on the garrison staff and approximately 250 permanent party employees, Fort Pickett represents the largest employer in the area. Even if most employees are placed through Federal programs, they won't be required to relocate. The loss of these individuals will have a far reaching impact throughout the counties. The tax base to support schools, roads, and other public facilities will be greatly reduced. Not only does Fort Pickett employee these permanent employees, it also hires an equal number of temporary employees during the peak training period (generally Apr - Sep annually). Since these employees are not permanent, they will receive no placement services if Fort Pickett closes. With fewer employment opportunities, per capita income will plummet and unemployment will skyrocket.

If training facilities like those at Fort Pickett are required to sustain our fighting force, then the most cost effective and efficient method to obtain them is to continue the use of Fort Pickett. It is an invaluable asset to the Department of Defense and the local community. I look forward to your visit and hope that together we will be able to affect some change in the base closure list. And primarily I hope that you will safeguard the American public from a mistake that will be far more costly to us as taxpayers and as fellow citizens to our service members.

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Dear Commissioners:

My home is Blackstone, Virginia and has been for most of my 56 years. I was a small child when Fort Pickett was built. My Junior-Senior Prom was held at Pickett as a gesture from the post commander in anticipation of an earlier base closing after the Korean war (the Provost Marshall's daughter was a member of my class).

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I am sending this letter to your office in reference to the recent purposal to close Ft. Pickett, located in Blackstone, Virginia. I attended the press conference held in Blackstone, Virginia on March 4, 1995.

I was very surprised to hear some of the information that was told to us by Congressman Sisisky and also the Blackstone town representatives. From my understanding the information that was used for the basis of Ft. Pickett's closure was outdated information. Congressman Sisisky reassured all of us attending the press conference that the current data would be collected and that this information would be forwarded to the appropriate people. I worked at Ft. Pickett for 5 years and I know for a fact that this military base is of utmost importance to the defense training of the United States Military.

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The Ft. Pickett base is not only a big part of the surrounding communities vital income and source of livelihood but the support that it provides to the United States Military . I would hope that our representatives will be willing to fight this proposal to close this vital military installation.

Our community has banded together to do everything we can possibly do to help prevent the closure of Ft. Pickett. I know I speak for many other residents as well as myself on the importance of this base remaining open. I feel that we as a team can keep this vital military base open for the welfare of our troops and our community.

I work in the Public Service field in Nottoway County and I know also what an impact the closure of Ft. Pickett would have on our community. We have many residents who work on the military base during the summer months. This helps them to support themselves and not have to depend on the Welfare System to support their families. With the Welfare Reform coming about and all the talk of communities helping people to find jobs and work so they can get off of Public Assistance I would surely think that with the available summer jobs that Ft. Pickett provides that would be another plus for the installation. The importance of Ft. Pickett to our surrounding counties, Nottoway, Lunenburg, Brunswick, and Dinwiddie is very vital.

I hope that by speaking out that in some small way it may help prevent the closure of this vital military post.

I will be doing everything that I can do to spread the word on what Ft. Pickett means to our community and our men in service. The training that they can receive at Ft. Pickett is such that no other base can provide.

Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of my family and all that are touched by this situation.

Sincerely,

Ada L. Honeycutt

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 7, 1995

Mrs. Rita Honeycutt
P.O. Box 19
Kenbridge, VA 23944

Dear Mrs. Honeycutt:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett WVS 3-6

March 1, 1995
Judith A. Arrington
Route 3, Box 280
Blackstone, Virginia 23824

Dear Honorable Sir:

I am an employee of Fort Pickett. I supervise a cohesive team of dedicated personnel that give selflessly of themselves in the accomplishment of every mission which we are tasked. At this time of downsizing, these devoted employees accept all missions tasked, often outside their defined job descriptions, to insure that our troops receive the quality of service they so rightly deserve for their loyalty to our Nation.

In the summer months, I am provided a handfull of temporary employees to supplement my workforce to support the surge of troops that perform their annual training; field training or inactive duty training through the months of April through September. We accept reductions in our temporary workforce yearly, often 10-20%, due to budget reductions. Still we meet our soldiers with quality service as expeditiously as possible to insure minimal loss of training time to our customers. At Fort Pickett we have learned to provide maximum support with minimal assets. Reductions mean work harder, provide the same service, and do it within the eight (8) hour work day.

Fort Pickett's training areas exceed those of other installations. Unlike other installations we impose no restrictions on artillery or the size of the charge that can be fired. To the people of Nottoway; Lunenburg; Brunswick; Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg Counties the sound of weapons firing is the sound of freedom. Artillery fire can be heard past 9 PM and on Sunday's because we know that a war will not stop at 9 PM at night and Sunday's do not become a day of rest for our soldiers during wartime. Our tank ranges and artillery ranges do not have endangered species which hinder their utilization.

The Department of Defense did not do their homework when they recommended that the soldiers training at Fort Pickett could get the same training at other installations. Fort Pickett provides realistic training to our soldiers. In all the downsizing frenzy have we forgotten readiness?

The training units we see at Fort Pickett are often the first to react to the hot spots in the world. The 2d Marine Division; 10th Mountain Division; many of Fort Bragg's elite fighting forces; and even those that guard our Presidents of the United States, the 3d Infantry (The Old Guard). Its the realistic, unhindered training at Fort Pickett that make them the readiest in defense readiness.

Please, honorable sir, on behalf of Fort Pickett's worth in the support of our National Defense, the employees, their families and the economic ramifications this closure will cause to the areas small country communities support us in a strong fight against closure.

JUDITH A. ARRINGTON
Troop Issue Subsistence Officer
Fort Pickett

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March 6, 1995

Ms. Judith A. Arrington
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Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Ms. Arrington:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-15 ①

SAC

March 14, 1995

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

Dear Commission Members:

As a business owner, a professional pharmacist, and long time citizen of the Town of Blackstone, the news of a possible shut-down of Fort Pickett is like a slap in the face to our town. We are proud that Fort Pickett is second to none as a training facility that supports this region's Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve troops. Our town has worked hand and glove with the folks at Fort Pickett. We have upgraded our down town area so the troops when they are here training will have a nice place to come for food and relaxation. Besides our wonderful locally owned restaurants we have even secured national chain restaurants to make our military even more at home.

We also have citizens of Blackstone and the surrounding counties who work at Fort Pickett. There is one group of National Guard that keeps all the tanks in this part of the country repaired and ready to be used in training or for whatever the need. This group has a wonderful group of young National Guardsmen who work there and live in this area. I am fortunate to have the wife of one of these young men working for me as a Pharmacy technician. If something happens to his job then it will impact my business as well. My business as well as others in Blackstone will be adversely affected by this possible shut-down.

Our town officials have worked hard to have our local airport upgraded so that jet planes can land there and we do have rail facilities available to Fort Pickett. I would certainly hope you will consider reversing any decision to close Fort Pickett. Closing Fort Pickett will be a blow not only to our economy but to the very fiber that holds our area together. If you could only see for yourself the happy faces of our nursing home residents when Fort Pickett personnel take them on their yearly fishing trip out to the Fort. They help put them aboard the bus, set them up in their wheelchairs beside the fishing pond, bait their hooks, help them take off the fish,

and have a fish fry for their lunch before returning home. This is just one of the many intangibles that allow our town and Fort Pickett to work together.

As you probably know, the Town of Blackstone's water supply is routed through Fort Pickett where it is treated and then pumped into town to supply our water.

To look only at bottom line costs as a ruler as to what will close and what will not, should not be the only consideration in this United States of ours. Out here in the country (which I believe is the real fabric of our land) we must be able to count on everything available to us, and for Blackstone, Virginia that, in large part, is Fort Pickett, Virginia.

Respectfully yours,

Robert S. Riffee, R. Ph.
Nottoway Drug Company
122 South Main Street
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March 15, 1995

Mr. Robert S. Riffee, R. Ph.
Nottoway Drug Company
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Dear Mr. Riffee:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-15-95 ①
DAC

March 13, 1995

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission
1700 North Moore Street
Suite 1425
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Re: Fort Pickett, Virginia

Gentlemen:

This letter is in regards to the possible closure of Fort Pickett, Virginia. For the past 18 years I have been a Federal Firefighter at Fort Pickett. The closure of this post would mean much more than just the loss of MY job. I feel that Fort Pickett has far too many assets to even consider its closing.

Listed below are some of Fort Pickett's stronger assets:

**RUNWAY:** A new 5,300 foot long runway that can accommodate C-130 aircraft and the military's newest plane, the c-17. To date, units from Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia have trained at Fort Pickett because of the new runway.

**RAILHEAD:** Ft. Pickett has two completely upgraded railheads **on the post** allowing the trains to arrive and depart faster.

**AIRSPACE, IMPACT AREA, FIRING RANGE:** Pickett offers the Army, a **RARE** 18,000-foot-high bubble of restricted air space in which to practice artillery fire encompassing an impact area of approximately 8,000 acres with 20 direct-fire ranges.

**LAND VALUE:** Fort Pickett is located in an area where land values are **low** in comparison with other sections of the east. It is located in a thinly populated area where noise of artillery and tank fire do not bring complaints from the civilian population.

**MOCK COMBAT CITY:** Pickett has a mock combat city that is used not only by military personnel, but also by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, police organizations, special operations, to include Navy SEAL teams and others.

**CENTRAL TANK WASH FACILITY:** Has a central tank wash

facility for cleaning both wheeled and track vehicles. It is environmentally safe and reduces water consumption by recycling.

**AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT:** Fort Pickett's ASP is capable of providing ALL types of ammunition to troops and handling as much as 2700 tons of ammo

**HOUSING AND FACILITIES:** Can provide heated barracks for at least 12,000 personnel, has necessary support personnel and other facilities needed for troops such as:

chapels
medical clinic
modern theatre
post exchange
fully automated bowling center
Olympic-size swimming pool
ball fields
tennis courts
restaurants

**STONE QUARRY:** Fort Pickett has a stone quarry with the capability of maintaining 240 miles of tank trails

**WATER AND SEWER:** Fort Pickett has on-site water treatment and sewage treatment plants

It is my sincere hope that you will seriously take into consideration all of the **POSITIVE** assets that I have listed. I am appealing to you to please, strongly consider removing Fort Pickett from the base closure list.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

L. Michael Arthur Sr.

L. Michael Arthur, Sr.
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March 15, 1995

Mr. L. Michael Arthur, Sr.
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Victoria, VA 23974

Dear Mr. Arthur:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-15 ①

JAC

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

March 13, 1995

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the listing of Ft. Pickett on the first round of base closure and realignment candidates. I feel that many issues concerning the installation were over looked and were not taken into account. The main issue is that a multi-purpose, multi-force training facility like Ft. Pickett is essential in todays military scenario. As a U. S. Army Reserve installation, this base not only provides training for active and reserve Army units but we have contingents from the U. S. Marines, U. S. Navy SEAL teams and the U. S. Air Force utilizing our bombing range. This truly makes this base a multi-discipline training facility.

We are told by unit commanders that they like Ft. Pickett because we do not have the environmental constraints that their and other installations have. Ft. Pickett located in a rural area does not have noise complaint constraints from population centers, it has complete control and unrestricted air space use for long range artillery practice and large open areas for tracked vehicle maneuvers. Ft. Pickett is not under impediments from endangered species, in fact the U. S. Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service completely supports and encourages Ft. Pickett's efforts to manage it's endangered species. At a time when most installations have environmental restrictions that delay the military mission and training goals it seems very short sighted for the Department of Defense to close such a cost effective, multi-force, multi-purpose installation like Ft. Pickett.

In conclusion I would like to state that a base like Ft. Pickett is needed and in terms of future use and will pay for itself because it has more all around training potential with less environmental training constraints.

Regards,

Joe Proffitt

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March 15, 1995

Mr. Joe Proffitt
Rt. 1, Box 2225
Crewe, VA 23930

Dear Mr. Proffitt:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-14 ①

JAC

RT 1, BOX 44-D
BLACKSTONE, VA. 23824
MAR. 11, 1995

THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION
1700 NORTH MAIN ST.
SUITE 1425
ARLINGTON, VA. 22209

DEAR COMMISSION MEMBERS,

I AM A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS, FT. PICKETT, VA. AS YOU WELL KNOW, FT. PICKETT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BRAC LIST FOR POSSIBLE CLOSURE, SO THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR KEEPING FT. PICKETT OPEN AND OPERATING AS IS. FT PICKETT IS A MULTI-SERVICE TRAINING CENTER THAT HAS AVAILABLE FACILITIES, ASSETS, AND ADVANTAGES SECOND TO NONE ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD. I'M SURE THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS YOU WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR SUPPORT GROUPS TRUE AND FACTUAL INFORMATION ON HOW COST EFFECTIVE AND EFFECIENTLY OPERATED FT. PICKETT IS. YOU WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FIGURES SHOWING HOW MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE IT WOULD BE FOR THE UNITS THAT TRAIN HERE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. IN THESE DAYS OF MILITARY DRAW DOWNS AND BUDGET CUTS, UNITS ARE LOOKING FOR FACILITIES THAT OFFER THE MOST FOR THE LEAST, WHERE THEY CAN TRAIN TO THE FULLEST ON THEIR ALREADY TIGHT BUDGETS. THAT FACILITY

IS FT. PICKETT. EVERY DIRECTORATE ON OUR POST BENDS OVER BACKWARDS TO SUPPORT THE UNITS THAT COME HERE. WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THESE UNITS ACCOMPLISH THEIR FULL TRAINING MISSION IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. PROOF OF THIS IS IN THE AFTER ACTION REPORTS AND THE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT THAT HANG IN EVERY OFFICE HERE. I MIGHT ADD THAT NOWHERE WILL THE MILITARY FIND ANY BETTER LOCAL SUPPORT THAN CAN BE FOUND IN ALL THE TOWNS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES OF SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA. WE ARE ALL PRO-STRONG DEFENSE, PRO-MILITARY, PRO-FT. PICKETT. THIS STRONG MILITARY-CIVILIAN RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ON-GOING FOR FIFTY YEARS AND SHOULD CERTAINLY BE A KEY FACTOR IN YOUR DECISIONS.

I'M SURE IN COMING WEEKS THE BRAC MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE FULL EXPOSURE TO THE TRAINING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT FT. PICKETT, BUT I STILL FEEL IMPELLED TO MENTION SOME OF THEM MYSELF. A LOT OF THESE ASSETS WERE LEFT OUT OF THE D.A.'S REPORT TO D.O.D. WHY, I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY ALL SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. FT. PICKETT HAS THE BEST TANK AND ARTILLERY RANGES ON THE EAST COAST AND THESE RANGES ARE AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SOME OF THE TANK

RANGES HAVE EVEN BEEN FURTHER UPGRADED AND EXPANDED TO ACCOMODATE MORE TRAINING AND ADVANCED EQUIPMENT. THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THE 2ND TANK BN, USMC, COMES HERE TO FIRE. THAT UNIT IS ON POST NOW AND WILL BE HERE UNTIL MAY, '95. WHEN YOU VISIT US, ASK 2ND TANKS WHAT THEY THINK OF FT. PICKETT. CERTAINLY TO BE CONSIDERED WITH OUR RANGES IS THE AIRSPACE AVAILABLE FOR LONG RANGE AND NIGHT TIME FIRING, TWO HUNDRED, FORT-FIVE SQUARE MILES WITH A CEILING OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FEET. YOU WON'T FIND THAT IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND WE DON'T HAVE ENDANGERED WOODPECKERS THAT KEEP HALF OUR RANGES CLOSED. FOR KEEPING THE TANKS CLEAN, WE HAVE A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED CENTRAL VEHICLE WASH FACILITY THAT WILL CLEAN A TANK AND OTHER LARGE EQUIPMENT IN NO TIME.

FT. PICKETT HAS A MOUT/MAC SITE THAT OFFERS URBAN WARFARE TRAINING NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE EAST COAST. PART OF THIS FACILITY ALLOWS ACTUAL LIVE FIRE, SO TRAINING IS MORE REALISTIC. NOT ONLY DO MILITARY UNITS USE THIS FACILITY, BUT ALSO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CLOSEST RAIL HEAD

WAS SEVERAL MILES AWAY FROM FT. PICKETT. WHERE THAT ERRONEOUS INFORMATION CAME FROM IS ANYONE'S GUESS. RAIL SERVICE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE ON FT. PICKETT EVER SINCE THE POST WAS BUILT. WOUNDED SOLDIERS FROM THE EUROPEAN FRONT WERE SENT HERE TO THE HOSPITAL BY RAIL DURING WORLD WAR II. TANKS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT ARE SHIPPED IN AND OUT OF HERE ALL THE TIME AND I HAVE PERSONALLY RECEIVED SHIPMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL FOR THE SECTION I WORK IN. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE RAIL SERVICE, BUT IT WAS UPGRADED ALL OVER POST IN 1992.

ANOTHER OF FT. PICKETT'S ASSETS THAT WAS LEFT OUT OF DA'S REPORT WAS OUR NEWLY UPGRADED FIFTY-THREE HUNDRED FOOT RUNWAY. THIS RUNWAY CAN ACCOMODATE THE C-130 AIRCRAFT AND THE ARMY'S CARGO AIRCRAFT OF THE FUTURE, THE C-17. HOW COULD THIS HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED? THIS OPENS UP A WHOLE NEW AREA OF POSSIBILITIES AND CAPABILITIES FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES THAT CAN TRAIN HERE. THE RUNWAY ESPECIALLY EXTENDS FT. PICKETTS MOBILIZATION CAPABILITIES IN EVENT OF A CRISIS SUCH AS THE GULF WAR. I MIGHT ADD THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF UNITS THAT MOBILIZED HERE DURING DESERT SHIELD.

THE LIST OF ASSETS AT FT. PICKETT GOES ON AND ON.

IT IS A GEM OF A POST AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A FEATHER IN ARMY'S HAT, NOT A THORN IN THE SIDE. AS ONE NAVY SEAL THAT'S ASSIGNED HERE SAID RECENTLY, "IT SHOULD BE ARMY'S ACE IN THE HOLE." THE CAPABILITIES AND POTENTIAL FOR EVEN FURTHER TRAINING EXPANSION IS ENDLESS. WE OPERATE ON A VERY LOW BUDGET WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER FACILITIES. THE EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL COMMUNITY STRONGLY SUPPORT NATIONAL DEFENSE, WE THRIVE ON MISSION SUPPORT, AND WE ARE TOTALLY DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE WHERE TRAINING OF OUR MILITARY IS CONCERNED. THE TRAINING JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN AT FT. PICKETT.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I MUST SAY HOW DEVASTATING A BASE CLOSURE WOULD BE TO THIS SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA AREA, NOT ONLY TO THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYESS BUT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMIES AS WELL. IN THIS AREA OF FEW RESOURCES AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, THE IMPACT WOULD BE FELT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. TO THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, FT. PICKETT IS OUR LIVES AND OUR LIVELIHOOD. TO AN ADDITIONAL TWO HUNDRED TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES THAT COME ON BOARD DURING ANNUAL TRAINING, IT'S MUCH NEEDED EXTRA INCOME AND IT BRINGS A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF UNEMPLOYMENT. AT THE END OF FISCAL YEAR, 1993, THERE WERE MANY OLDER EMPLOYEES THAT TOOK

ADVANTAGE OF EARLY RETIREMENTS THAT WERE OFFERED DUE TO THE BUDGET CUTS. THE MAJORITY OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT'S LEFT HAVE BETWEEN FIVE AND TWENTY YEARS OF CIVIL SERVICE, MANY OF WHOM ARE VETERANS. WE ARE CAUGHT IN AN AWKWARD POSITION WHERE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR EARLY BUY-OUTS IN CASE OF CLOSURE, BUT WE HAVE TOO MUCH TIME INVESTED TO JUST THROW TO THE WIND. A FEW OF US MAY BE ABLE TO FIND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE, BUT THE MAJORITY WILL BE SERIOUSLY HURTING WHEN LEFT UNEMPLOYED AND NO PLACE TO GO.

YOU, THE COMMISSION MEMBERS, ARE IN CONTROL OF FT. PICKETTS FUTURE. YOU ARE ALSO IN CONTROL OF THE LIVES OF ITS EMPLOYEES. BELIEVE ME, IT'S NOT A GOOD FEELING. THE FT. PICKETT FAMILY URGES YOU TO TAKE A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL LOOK AT THE POST AND WHAT ITS POTENTIAL IS WHEN MAKING YOUR DECISIONS. OUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

BRUCE WADFORD

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 14, 1995

Mr. Bruce Wadford
Route 1, Box 44-D
Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Mr. Wadford:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-14 ①

P O Box 562
Burkevile, VA 23922
March 12, 1995

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to you to ask to you work to save Ft. Pickett, which is extremely importnat to Blackstone. The last time that the issue of base closure was discussed, Ft. Pickett was on that list. We thought when it was decided to leave it open, we had dodged the bullett! Now here we go again! Although the "Cold War" is over, we still need places to train our soilders. The United States often has to play the part of peace keepers. Not to many years ago we had what we called a war, "Desert Storm". Ft. Pickett makes an excellent training ground to train these soilders for battle. No one likes war, but we have to be prepared to fight if we must. Some units come to Pickett to train with the big cannons, a thing they cannot do on their own base. They would have to travel some where else, which may be many more miles away, which would cost MONEY!!!! In this day in time everyone tries to save money, but closing Ft. Pickett is not the answer. If you look at everything, and we mean everything Ft. Pickett does; we feel certain that Ft. Pickett would remain open.

I lived in Blackstone for 22 years and still work there. My husband, Byron has lived in Nottoway County for most of his live. We both want Ft. Pickett to remain OPEN!!! Ft. Pickett is Blackstone's lifeline. Ft. Pickett has always had a close relationship with Blackstone. For many years Ft. Pickett has put on a show for the Fourth of July. Many people come to it from Nottoway and the surrounding counties. Many people also come to Ft. Pickett to take advantage of the good fishing and hunting. The different troups who come to Ft. Pickett provide a good source of income to the local merchants. Blackstone has always looked foward to the time of year when what was known as LOGEX come to Pickett. They always pump a lot of money into the town's economy. The waitresses at the local resturants get tipped real good when they come. So many people would loose their jobs if it closed. Three of the people who work with me at Blackstone Family Practice have husbands who work there. One of the ladies'

husband was transferred to Ft. Pickett around three years ago. They have recently bought an old run down house and have worked very hard to restore it. It would be a shame for them to take up stakes and move again after only a few years. The other two ladies husbands have worked there for many, many years. They raised there families here. Think what they would feel like if they were forced to move because Ft. Pickett was closed. The land would just sit there and go to nothing.

My mother, Mildred Felts, has lived near Ft. Pickett most of her life. It may get noisy at times with the machine gun fire and cannons going off, but in no way does she want Ft. Pickett to close. I am sure this is the sentiment of many people who live not only in Blackstone, but the people in the surronding areas as well.

Sincerly,
Angela Shelton
Bryan Shelton

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March 14, 1995

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton
P. O. Box 562
Burkeville, VA 23922

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shelton:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-14 ①

Route 1, Box 2-M
Blackstone, Virginia 23824
11 March 1995

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission
1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1425
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Gentlemen:

As a concerned citizen of Blackstone, I urge you to use your influence to have Fort Pickett removed from the closure list.

I cite two reasons why this army post is so valuable. The terrain with its natural or topographical features is most suitable for military training. Because the area is isolated, artillery firing can be accomplished in comparative safety to all. Army maneuvers can thereby be carried out with a high degree of efficiency.

Another reason why Fort Pickett is so valuable is its closing will deal Nottoway County and surrounding counties a devastating economic blow, a blow that will affect several counties now and also in the years ahead.

We Southside Virginians will be obliged to you if you will do what you can to keep Fort Pickett off the closure list.

Respectfully yours,
(Mrs.) Kathleen S. Hamlet

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March 14, 1995

Mrs. Kathleen S. Hamlett
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Dear Mrs. Hamlett:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-14 (1)

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March 12, 1995

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Arlington, VA 22209

Ref: Fort Pickett, Virginia

We are writing in support of removing Fort Pickett, Virginia, from the Base Closure list. Fort Pickett is the life line of the seven surrounding counties; its closure would have devastating effects on this already economically depressed area.

But more importantly, we understand from the many, many troops that train annually in Fort Pickett, that it is one of the best training sites on the east coast. We understand that certain types of training, for instance training that requires the use of air-space, cannot be conducted at other sites. It doesn't make much sense to close a very good training site, thus requiring that troops such as the Marines from North Carolina, the Navy Seals, the 10th Mountain Division, and many others travel much longer distances to conduct less superior training because of site limitations. Obviously, the added travel expenses will minimize if not negate the possible savings from closing Fort Pickett, while reducing the readiness of our troops.

We are sure that you are aware of many other reasons to keep Fort Pickett open, especially the faulty information that was used for the initial decision to include Fort Pickett on the list. Please reconsider your present recommendation and remove Fort Pickett from the Base Closure list before submitting the list. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Pennington
Conley D. Pennington

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 14, 1995

Mr. and Mrs. Conley D. Pennington
Route 1, Box 174 B
Victoria, TX 23974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pennington:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

Ft. Pickett 3-13 ①

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March 8, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear BRAC Commissioner,

I would like to voice my concern over the possible closure of Fort Pickett at Blackstone, Virginia and the possible downgrading of Kenner Army Community Hospital at Fort Lee, Virginia, to a clinic.

As you know, many military families reside in the communities surrounding Fort Pickett and Fort Lee. These personnel (both retired and dependent) rely on the medical services provided by the USA Health Clinic at Fort Pickett and Kenner Army Community Hospital. Thousands and thousands of personnel would be affected if the above recommendations are carried out. Patients would be required to travel to Portsmouth Naval Hospital or Walter Reed Army Medical Center for needed medical treatment. These medical facilities are already overly burdened and, more than likely, will not accept the additional workload. Most of the patients would be sent out under CHAMPUS. This great number of patients could result in an astronomical dollar amount of CHAMPUS claims, resulting in a greater cost to the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense than if they had kept the existing medical facilities at Fort Pickett and Fort Lee just as they are now.

I trust you will give much thought and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely, Vincentas Kudirka M.D.

VINCENTAS KUDIRKA MD
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March 13, 1995

Dr. Vincentas Kudirka
401 Brunswick Avenue
Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Dr. Kudirka:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett and Kenner Army Community Hospital.

You may be certain that the Commission will thoroughly review the information used by the Defense Department in making its recommendations. I can assure you that the information you have provided will also be used in the Commission's review and analysis process.

I appreciate your interest in the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Sincerely,

David S. Lyles
Staff Director

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THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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DEAR SIR:

I KNOW YOU ARE BUSY SO THIS WILL BE BRIEF.

BLACKSTONE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES NEED AND WANT TO RETAIN FORT PICKETT FOR IT'S MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP IT OPEN.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT, I REMAIN

YOURS VERY TRULY,

J.R. Pool

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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March 13, 1995

Mr. J.R. Pool
Garrett, Moon & Pool, Inc.
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Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Mr. Pool:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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Sincerely,

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WILLIAM E. AUSTIN
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March 7, 1995

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regard to the recommendation that the Department of Defense does not feel it needs Fort Pickett, Virginia any longer. The defense of this nation and of other countries in the world depend upon the readiness of the U. S. Armed Forces for any attack that takes place here or around the world, such as Kuwait.

During Desert Storm, Fort Pickett was one of the main mobilization posts used for readying equipment for different units to be sent to the aid of Kuwait. Numerous personnel on post willingly worked long hours to see that this work was carried out as quickly and efficiently as possible and are still willing if the need arises again. This is just one example of what Fort Pickett has and will do when called upon.

We have ranges and training areas at Fort Pickett to train artillery (heavy and light) and soldiers from every part of the military. Examples of this can be seen by our training areas utilized by Army, Army Reserves, National Guard, Navy and with our new airport, even the Air Force. We have, as an example of our excellent tank ranges, TEXCOM at Fort Pickett, now running tests for new weaponry on tanks that Fort Bragg did not have the capability for testing. We have a MOUNT/MAC training area at Fort Pickett that is utilized by different agencies to have personnel ready for acts of terrorism (which is something the whole world must face after seeing what happened in New York).

Having built our new airport, equipment, personnel and supplies can be moved quicker and more efficiently than ever at Fort Pickett. We have Reserve and National Guard units already here to maintain and transport equipment as needed. In addition, we have railroad access on post, with a new railroad head to load and unload equipment, supplies and personnel as needed by the Armed Forces.

At Fort Pickett, we have all types of BOQs, barracks, mess halls, administration buildings, warehouses and motor pools for training and housing in the event of a crisis. We have a clinic on base with air transport and ambulances in case of injury. We have an unlimited supply of fresh water, having the Fort Pickett Reservoir and Nottoway River at our disposal. We also have an Ammunition Supply Point for ammunition as needed. These are just some of the benefits Fort Pickett contributes to the Department of Defense and will continue if given the chance.

As far as the economical impact on this area if Fort Pickett were closed, we would see a devastating effect upon the economy of the surrounding area. Three of the five counties surrounding Fort Pickett are below the poverty level currently, not to mention what would happen to the Town of Blackstone if the military and civilians left this area. To close Fort Pickett would make the 45,000 plus acres here on post worthless to any industry or resale value for the Department of Defense. Please remember that this is a rural area!

I appreciate your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

William E. Austin

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March 13, 1995

Mr. William E. Austin
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Dear Mr. Austin:

Thank you for providing the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission with information pertinent to the present round of base closure and realignment recommendations. I appreciate your interest in the future of Ft. Pickett.

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Sincerely,

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Concerning the proposed possible closing of Fort Pickett:

I am quite opposed to this closure. Besides being such a valuable asset to our community because of jobs and involvement in the life of the surrounding counties, Pickett has recently increased the airport runway to 5,300 feet. This will permit activities involving C-17 aircraft. Also the expansion of tank ranges and washing facilities make this military base unique and invaluable in training capabilities.

Sincerely
B. A. Robertson