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BRAC Commission

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Dear General Hill:

At the July 19, 2005 hearing of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) you stated that:

“Admiral Clark, whom I have a tremendous amount of respect for – in fact he’s an E.F. Hutton person for me: when Admiral Clark talks, I listen – *said that he wanted to close Oceana*. He simply couldn’t find any other alternative.”

During Monday’s site visit to Oceana you were heard by me and others, in a very forthcoming manner, making a near identical statement.

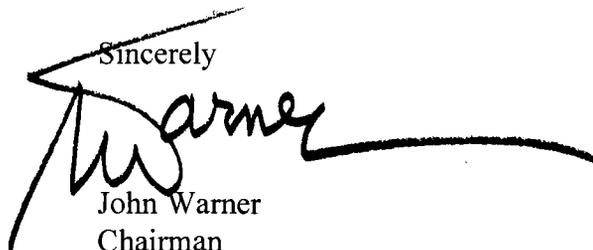
In no way am not questioning the accuracy of this statement. However, I have conducted a thorough review of Admiral Clark’s testimony and the public record available on the BRAC Commission’s website and can find no reference to the conclusion “he wanted to close Oceana.” While I have found--both within the Admiral’s testimony and within the Department’s written BRAC documents--statements that alternatives to Oceana were examined, according to the CNO, “we came out of it the way the recommendation is submitted.”

Because we want to ensure we address all the issues surrounding any proposed action for NAS Oceana, could you or the staff refer me to any facts or a specific reference in the public record where Admiral Clark stated that he “wanted to close Oceana?”

Thank you for your consideration and your service to your country in this challenging capacity.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely



John Warner  
Chairman