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I would like to provide a concern above the usual questions and concerns you are receiving about closures or physical movement of missions. My concern is that of a professional Army Logistician. I am very concerned about the careless fashion in which service logistics functions have been placed under the Defense Logistics Agency. I am not against logical well thought out reorganization of logistics within the Department of Defense, but it seems to me that DOD's BRAC recommendations about logistics are not well reasoned and maybe a circumvention of an orderly analytical review about reorganization within DOD. Those recommendations that purely put a mission and/or function under DLA without a disciplined review of business and mission impact as well as the underlying financial processes would be represent a reckless implementation. DLA, today is a very limited mission organization that does have either key competencies or processes to manage complex logistics issues for reparable management or the integrated logistics support or maintenance management missions in DOD.

There are more obvious areas for reorganization into "purple suit" type organizations. They are the Industrial Base activities, test ranges and laboratories. Still, I would stipulate these should be analytically studied to avoid the type of clumsy and unclear mandates that permeate the BRAC report.

If DOD wished to break Defense Logistics, they could have not mandated a more sure method. Acquisition and Logistics are two functions that require great deliberation before any further reorganization under DLA.

Sincerely,



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