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August 16, 2005

**Mr. Brad McRee, Analyst
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
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Dear Mr. McRee:

I would like thank you for meeting with the representatives of the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority (CWVRAA) on August 12, 2005 regarding the consideration of matters involving the 130th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard, a joint-use facility with Yeager Airport (CRW) located in Charleston, West Virginia.

It is my understanding that you have expressed interest about the documentation demonstrative of the commitment and dedication of our local government and the airport authority's board of directors intent to the transfer of Yeager Airport's cross runway 15-33 to the 130th AGS for additional ramp space or as an assault strip. The WV Air National Guard will be able to use the crosswind at any time for additional aircraft parking due to surge conditions.

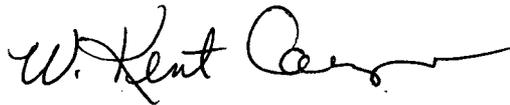
My answer is an unequivocal, yes. My fellow commissioners and I concur in its entirety, the actions taken by the board of directors of the CWVRAA on May 18, 2005, whereas I proposed first, the formation of a Grass Roots Group, along with subsequent funding and to "lease" the WVANG additional parking space for \$1.00 (per year). This motion was made and unanimously approved. I have enclosed a certified copy of the meeting records to quantify my concurrence, along with my fellow Commissioners, Henry C. Shores, and David J. Hardy.



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We appreciate your consideration of these matters during the upcoming deliberations of the BRAC Commission. We also thank you for your service and your thorough and thoughtful review of the Defense Department's recommendations as they pertain to the 130th AGS located at Yeager Airport, Charleston, West Virginia

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Kent Carper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W. Kent Carper, Commissioner
Kanawha County Commission

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF MEMBERS
OF THE
CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

May 18, 2005

An emergency meeting of the Board of Members of the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority was held in the Public Use Conference Room of the Airport Director's Office, Yeager Airport, Charleston, West Virginia on May 18, 2005, beginning at 11:00 a.m., pursuant to proper notice to the public and to the news media.

Board Members present: R. Edison Hill, Henry Shores, Charles Jones, Harold Carter, Priscilla M. Haden, Karen Haddad, and Charles "Chip" McDowell, representing the Kanawha County Commission; James E. Foster, representing the City of Charleston; Gregory A. Tucker, representing the Nicholas County Commission; and Lawrence Barrett (via phone), representing the Lincoln County Commission.

Board Members absent: H. B. Wehrle, III and Samuel M. Bowling, representative of the Kanawha County Commission; Norman W. Shumate, III, representative of the City of Charleston; Phillip Stowers, representative of the Putnam County Commission; and Joe E. Cooke, representative of the Boone County Commission.

Also present: Chuck Bailey of Bailey and Wyant, PLLC, legal counsel; Richard A. Atkinson, III, Airport Director; Timothy C. Murnahan, Assistant Airport Director; David Sweeney, Assistant Airport Director; Brian Belcher, Airport Marketing Director; Brenda J. Thomas, Airport Executive Secretary; Bill Forbes, Airport Construction Chairman; Carroll Hutton, Airport General Aviation Chairman; Daniel P. Haught; Susie Dunn, Kanawha County Commission; John Caudill; Terry Hill, Yeager Airport; Nick Keller, Yeager Airport Intern; Major John Dulin, 130th Airlift Wing, WVANG; Retired Colonel Bill Peters, 130th Airlift Wing, WVANG; Mike Plante and Beth White, Plante & Associates; Jennifer Smith; Wanda Carney from West Virginians Want To Know; Larry McKay, reporter for WQBE; Rick Steelhammer, reporter for the Charleston Gazette; Allison Barker, news reporter for the Associated Press; and News Reporters for Channel 13, Channel 3, Fox Network, and Channel 3.

The Chairman, Mr. Hill, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider actions relative to the Airport Master Plan in relation to expansion of the West Virginia Air National Guard Base and funding to support efforts to retain the 130th Airlift Wing, WVANG.

The Chairman recognized the President of the Kanawha County Commission, W. Kent Carper. Commissioner Carper urged the Airport Authority to donate \$25,000, the Kanawha County Commission \$25,000, and the Charleston Area Alliance Group \$25,000 to form a Grassroots Group, "Keep 'Em Flying," that would be opposed to the realignment proposal for the 130th Airlift Wing WVANG and to lease the WVANG additional parking space at a cost of \$1.00. Commissioner Carper would hope to use the funds to obtain a state-matching grant. Mr. Shores moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Carter, which was unanimously approved. The money donated by Yeager Airport would be taken out of the excess parking revenue fund. Commissioner Hardy pledged the support of the Kanawha County Commission and stated he would work hard to encourage the Charleston Area Alliance to support this group. Mayor Danny Jones also said the City of Charleston would help.

The Grass Roots Committee would be headed by Col. Peters and would look at the BRAC regulations and form merit-based arguments against moving the airplanes.

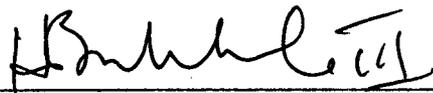
Mr. Atkinson reported if the C-130's were removed from Yeager Airport, there would be the possibility of losing 24-hour service at Air Traffic Control.

The Budget for the Grass Roots Committee would be presented at the May 25, Board Meeting.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned.



Chairman



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June 9, 2005

Major General Allen E. Tackett
Army National Guard
1703 Coonskin Drive
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SUBJECT: Runway 15/33 and Taxiway "C"

In the event of natural emergencies or surges of military activity, the 130th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard may need to use additional real estate at Yeager Airport, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

During those times of natural emergencies or surges of military activity, Yeager Airport will close runway 15/33 and taxiway "C" to civilian access and civilian use. During those times of natural emergencies or surges of military activity, Yeager Airport will permit the 130th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard exclusive use of runway 15/33 and taxiway "C" for military purposes.

Upon notice to the Yeager Airport Manager from the 130th Airlift Wing Commander, Yeager Airport will implement the closure of runway 15/33 and taxiway "C" to civilian use and permit the 130th Airlift Wing, West Virginia Air National Guard exclusive use of runway 15/33 and taxiway "C" for military purposes. Yeager Airport trusts the discretion of the 130th Airlift Wing Commander to only request the closure of runway 15/33 and taxiway "C" for appropriate reasons and lengths of time.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Atkinson, III
Airport Director

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June 10, 2005

Major General Allen Tackett
West Virginia National Guard
1703 Coonskin Drive
Charleston, WV 25311-1085

Dear General Tackett:

Colonel Tim Fyre, Wing Commander of the 130th, has informed me of the need of the 130th to have access to an assault tactical landing strip in close proximity to the base. I am pleased to offer the conversion of the crosswind runway, RW 15/33 for use as a tactical landing strip. I understand the runway must be laid out in a 3,500 foot by 60-foot configuration. This can be easily accomplished on the present 4,750 foot by 150-foot configuration.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at 304-344-8033.

Sincerely,

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Dear General Tackett:

I am pleased to formally inform you the Central WV Regional Airport Authority, at a special meeting held on May 18, 2005, voted to close the crosswind runway, RW 15/33, and allow the WV National Guard to lease a portion of the closed runway for a dollar per year if the space is needed by the 130th Airlift Wing to expand the aircraft parking ramp.

I have enclosed a copy of the Minutes from that meeting for your information.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at 304-344-8033.

Sincerely,

Richard Atkinson, III
Airport Director

Enclosure

(b) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**--(1) The Secretary shall, by no later than December 31, 1990, publish in the *Federal Register* and transmit to the congressional defense committees the criteria proposed to be used by the Department of Defense in making recommendations for the closure or realignment of military installations inside the United States under this part. The Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed criteria for a period of at least 30 days and shall include notice of that opportunity in the publication required under the preceding sentence.

(2)(A) The Secretary shall, by no later than February 15, 1991, publish in the *Federal Register* and transmit to the congressional defense committees the final criteria to be used in making recommendations for the closure or realignment of military installations inside the United States under this part. Except as provided in subparagraph (B), such criteria shall be the final criteria to be used, making such recommendations unless disapproved by a joint resolution of Congress enacted on or before March 15, 1991.

(B) The Secretary may amend such criteria, but such amendments may not become effective until they have been published in the *Federal Register*, opened to public comment for at least 30 days, and then transmitted to the congressional defense committees in final form by no later than January 15 of the year concerned. Such amended criteria shall be the final criteria to be used, along with the force-structure plan referred to in subsection (a), in making such recommendations unless disapproved by a joint resolution of Congress enacted on or before February 15 of the year concerned.

(c) **DoD RECOMMENDATIONS.**--(1) The Secretary may, by no later than April 15, 1991, March 15, 1993, and March 1, 1995, publish in the *Federal Register* and transmit to the congressional defense committees and to the Commission a list of the military installations inside the United States that the Secretary recommends for closure or realignment on the basis of the force-structure plan and the final criteria referred to in subsection (b)(2) that are applicable to the year concerned.

(2) The Secretary shall include, with the list of recommendations published and transmitted pursuant to paragraph (1), a summary of the selection process that resulted in the recommendation for each installation, including a justification for each recommendation. The Secretary shall transmit the matters referred to in the preceding sentence not later than 7 days after the date of the transmittal to the congressional defense committees and the Commission of the list referred to in paragraph (1).

(3)(A) In considering military installations for closure or realignment, the Secretary shall consider all military installations inside the United States equally without regard to whether the installation has been previously considered or proposed for closure or realignment by the Department.

(B) In considering military installations for closure or realignment, the Secretary may not take into account for any purpose any advance conversion planning undertaken by an affected community with respect to the anticipated closure or realignment of an installation.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B), in the case of a community anticipating the economic effects of a closure or realignment of a military installation, advance conversion planning--

(i) shall include community adjustment and economic diversification planning undertaken by the community before an anticipated selection of a military installation in or near the community for closure or realignment; and

(ii) may include the development of contingency redevelopment plans, plans for economic development and diversification, and plans for the joint use (including civilian and military use, public and private use, civilian dual use, and civilian shared use) of the property or facilities of the installation after the anticipated closure or realignment.

(4) In addition to making all information used by the Secretary to prepare the recommendations under this subsection available to Congress (including any committee or member of Congress), the Secretary shall also make such information available to the Commission and the Comptroller General of the United States.

(5)(A) Each person referred to in subparagraph (B), when submitting information to the Secretary of Defense or the Commission concerning the closure or realignment of a military installation, shall certify that such information is accurate and complete to the best of that persons knowledge and belief.

(B) Subparagraph (A) applies to the following persons:

(i) The Secretaries of the military departments.

(ii) The heads of the Defense Agencies.

(iii) Each person who is in a position the duties of which include personal and substantial involvement in the preparation and submission of information and recommendations concerning the closure or realignment of military installations, as designated in regulations which the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe, regulations which the Secretary of each military department shall prescribe for personnel within that military department, or regulations which the head of each Defense Agency shall prescribe for personnel within that Defense Agency.

(6) Any information provided to the Commission by a person described in paragraph (5)(B) shall also be submitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives to be made available to the Members of the House concerned in accordance with the rules of that House. The information shall be submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives within 24 hours after the submission of the information to the Commission.

(d) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSION.--(1) After receiving the recommendations from the Secretary pursuant to subsection (c) for any year, the Commission shall conduct public hearings on the recommendations. All testimony before the Commission at a public hearing conducted under this paragraph shall be presented under oath. [*The preceding sentence shall apply with respect to all public hearings conducted by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission after November 30, 1993.*]

(2)(A) The Commission shall, by no later than July 1 of each year in which the Secretary transmits recommendations to it pursuant to subsection (c), transmit to the President a report containing the Commission's findings and conclusions based on a review and analysis of the recommendations made by the Secretary, together with the Commission's recommendations for closures and realignments of military installations inside the United States.

(B) Subject to subparagraph (C), in making its recommendations, the Commission may make changes in any of the recommendations made by the Secretary if the Commission