

**BACKGROUND PAPER
ON
SELECTION OF 1995 BRAC COMMISSIONERS**

Purpose: To answer a question raised by the SAF/IE at the 28 Jul 03 BRAC IEB update

Discussion:

-- Selection process for nominating Commissioners during the 1995 BRAC Round:

- Two commissioners were nominated in consultation with the Speaker of the House
- Two in consultation with the U.S. Senate Majority Leader
- One commissioner with the advice of House Minority Leader
- One commissioner with the advice of the Senate Minority leader
- The President made the two remaining nominations independently (note: 2005 adds 1 more presidentially appointed commissioner)

-- The 1995 Defense BRAC Commission consisted of the following members:

- Alan J. Dixon, Chairman (Democrat/Appointed by President Clinton)
 - Senior partner in the corporate and business department of the St. Louis-based law firm of Bryan Cave. Former U.S. Senator from Illinois.
- Alton W. Cornella (Democrat/Senate Minority nominee)
 - President of Cornella Refrigeration Inc., a Rapid City, South Dakota firm specializing in commercial and industrial refrigeration.
- S. Lee Kling (Democrat/House Minority nominee)
 - Chairman of the Board of Kling Rechter & Company, a merchant banking firm formed in 1991, St. Louis, Missouri.
- General James B. Davis, USAF (Ret.) (Republican/House Speaker nominee)
 - In July 1991, he became Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium. General Davis retired in August 1993. Concluded a thirty-five year career with the US Air Force as a combat fighter pilot, commander and strategic planner and programmer in August of 1993.
- RADM Benjamin F. Montoya, USN (Ret.) (Democrat/appointed by President Clinton)
 - President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Service Company of New Mexico, an investor-owned public utility serving gas, electricity, and water throughout the state. Before retiring from the Navy, Fear Admiral Montoya was Chief of Civil Engineers and Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command.
- MG Josue Robles, Jr., USA (Ret.) (Republican/Senate Majority nominee)
 - Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Controller for USAA Financial Services. Military career culminated in his assignment as Commanding General of 1st Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, Fort Riley, Kansas
- Rebecca G. Cox (Republican/House Speaker nominee)
 - Vice President of Continental Airlines, Inc. In 1993, she served as a Commissioner on the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
- Wendi L. Steele (Republican/Senate Majority nominee)
 - Senate liaison for the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in 1991. Worked in the legislative affairs offices of both the Office of Management and Budget and the White House.

Recommendation: None, for information only. (Sources: S. Hrg 104-669, Feb 15, 1995 and the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, article entitled "Picks for base-closing panel expected to be evenhanded, 1/5/95)