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From: Miclat, Marriane, Civ, SAF/PAM
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Sir--

Per our brief phone conversation, here are the Qs and As. I've taken the liberty of attaching the BRAC Public Affairs Guidance since it contained useful talking points.

v/r,

1 . How does each service view the anticipated BRAC legislation?

As stated by the Secretary of Defense, DoD must follow the BRAC 2005 process "...eliminate excess physical capacity; the operation, sustainment and capitalization of which diverts scarce resources from defense capability." (SECDEF's November 15, 2002 "Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure"). Closing, realigning and "[c]onsolidating facilities will save billions, allowing the Department to focus funds on maintaining and modernizing facilities needed to better support our forces, recruit quality personnel, modernize equipment and infrastructure, and develop the capabilities needed to meet 21st century threats." (DoD's 13Feb2003 Public Affairs Guidance, talking point 7.7). Furthermore, the Secretary further stated that "...BRAC 2005 can make an even more profound contribution to transforming the Department by rationalizing our infrastructure with the defense strategy. BRAC 2005 should be the means by which we reconfigure our current infrastructure into one in which operational capacity maximizes *both* warfighting capability and efficiency."(SECEDF's Nov.15, 2002 memo above). **While it would be inappropriate for the Air Force or me to specifically comment on any "anticipated" or potential BRAC legislation, any such proposals, from DoD's prospective, would be assessed in light of these needs and goals.**

2. What are your (service's) guiding strategies to manage your data collection and analysis processes?

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The BRAC law itself was designed "...to provide a fair process..." that "...consider[s] all military installations inside the United States equally..." and that information submitted be "...accurate and complete.." to the best of all service participant's knowledge and belief. That must be and is our guiding strategy. Under Secretary of Defense Aldridge, USD(AT&L), on April 16, 2003 issued a policy memorandum to the Services requiring each to "...develop and implement an internal control plan (ICP) "...to ensure the accuracy of data collection and analyses." The Air Force is in the final stages of utilizing DoD's sample ICP to develop its own ICP, which will "... ensure that base realignment and closure analysis and recommendations are based on accurate and complete data, and ensure that the process is properly documented and auditable."

3. Is the timing of a potential BRAC right for each of the services? Why, what would work better?

It should be recognized that that the Administration proposed BRAC legislation itself in 2001. As noted in answer one above, in DoD's view the need to reduce infrastructure and transform the force is here and now. As stated by Secretary of the Air Force Roche, "The BRAC 2005 process is critical to the Air Force's ability to successfully meet our future mission needs."

4. Being politically correct, has Operation Iraqi Freedom changed the BRAC picture?

If it has, it can and will be incorporated into the BRAC process. The BRAC law requires that the SECDEF include in the budget justification documents submitted to Congress for Fiscal Year 2004 a force-structure plan that is based on his assessment of probable threats to our national security for the next 20 years, as well as the probable personnel and major military force units, such as air wings, land force divisions, and carriers and other major combatant vessels, needed to meet those threats. At the same time, the Secretary must also submit an inventory of military installations worldwide, discuss the infrastructure that is necessary to support the future force-structure needs, and discuss any categories of excess infrastructure and infrastructure capacity. Both the force-structure plan and infrastructure can be revised and submitted to Congress with the Fiscal Year 2006 budget. Secretary of Defense recommendations for the closure or realignment of military installations must be made not later than May 16, 2005.

Accordingly, to the extent Operation Iraqi Freedom indicates needed changes within this time frame, these can be incorporated into the comprehensive BRAC 2005 process.

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Good to go-should you be the one to send to ILE-assuming you agree w/ responses? Marc

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Subject: RE:

Good to go by me

Tom

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Sir/Marriane-as we discussed, and Marriane and me previously, DoD has provided comments for us to consider. I have incorporated some of their suggestions into answers 1 and 4, which are in blue. If you are both OK w/ I would use as answers for MG Fox. Marc

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My first attempt to propose SAME answers.

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