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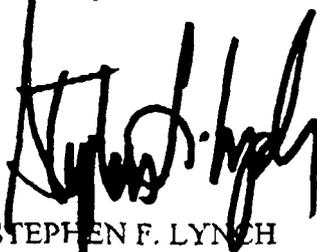
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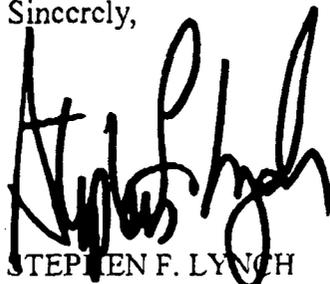
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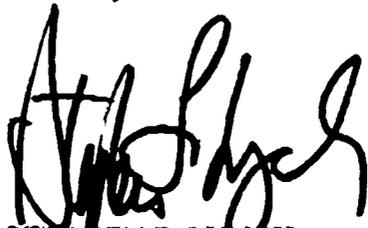
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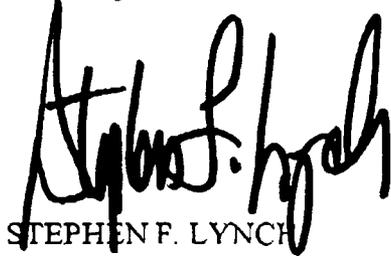
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Dear General Turner:

I am writing to express my concern and disappointment about Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendation to realign Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Detachment Boston, MA, by relocating the ship repair function to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Washington State. Please know that I will appeal this recommendation at the July 6 hearing in Boston, MA.

As you know, the Boston Planning Yard (BPY) is responsible for over 630 U.S. Naval vessels, including the historic USS Constitution (the oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy) and the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the CVN 21. After having undergone a 30-month public/private A76 competition, the efficiency of the BPY has seen the organization named the Navy's "Most Efficient Organization" (MEO); no other planning yard in the country has been certified as an MEO. This fact seems to have been overlooked in calculating the BRAC recommendation, as BPY beat the second lowest bidder (Northrop Grumman) by 11 million dollars. These are major cost savings to DoD and should be taken into consideration by the BRAC Commission.

Another major factor to consider is the errors made in the COBRA analysis. Review of the BRAC data indicates inaccurate values for the recurring savings regarding the building lease. COBRA lists the Base Operating Support (BOS) at \$765,500 in both the BOS input, as well as in the Annual Recurring Costs section. This is simply incorrect. The number should only be counted once, in the BOS, as this contract is not a lease. The \$765,500 represents the reimbursement cost to Fort Dix, the Army Facilities Management Agent for the Barnes Building where BPY is located. The 50,300 square feet used by BPY is authorized under an Interservice Support Agreement (ISA# W15A9X-04086-808, 1 June 2004) for FY2005. BPY tenancy in the Barnes Building is granted by a 5-year permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers that requires a one-time administrative fee upon renewal to the Corps (i.e., the cost of redrafting the

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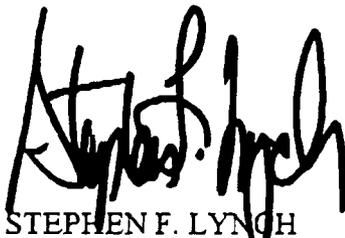
document). The funds, reflected in the BOS, cover service costs such as utilities, fire protection, janitorial and security services, and minor repairs.

An additional miscalculation was made in describing Boston's main function as a "ship repair facility." In fact, the Boston Planning Yard provides engineering and design, logistics, and planning support; the BPY is not a ship repair facility. The report justification states, "This recommendation supports elimination at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Detachment Boston, MA... and reduces excess ship repair capacity." Although there may be overall excess in total ship repair capacity, there is a shortage in depot organizations in the one ship repair maintenance function performed by BPY, which is classified as "Non-Nuclear Professional Engineering and Planning."

Finally, realigning the Boston Planning Yard to Puget Sound will have a detrimental impact on military operational readiness. First, a goal of the Force Structure Plan is to bring the force to the fleet. Moving the BPY to Puget Sound would move these critical engineering facilities farther away from the Navy "customers" because none of the ships serviced by BPY are located in Puget Sound and the main travel destinations are on the East Coast. This would create increased travel and lodging costs, as well as time constraints. Secondly, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Non-Nuclear Engineering - Planning Department, where BPY's work would be sent, already has an excess workload of 164 man-years indicating a shortage of manpower. Boston Planning Yard, by contrast, is currently working at optimum efficiency and does not have a shortage of engineering and technical manpower.

I look forward to meeting with you during the BRAC consideration process and discussing these and other reasons why realigning the Boston Planning Yard would be a detriment to our overall national security and to making the U.S. Navy a more efficient, effective organization.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress