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Mr. Bob Meyer
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

I respectfully request a written response from the Department of Defense concerning the following question.

The Department provided Environmental Restoration cost data for each facility recommended for closure. During a review of the data provided we could not confirm the \$1.25 million Cost to Complete Environmental Restoration for the Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. The FY2003 Annual Report to Congress does not show a listing for Otis separate from the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). The Cost to Complete for MMR is \$495,509,000. What is the correct cost data for the Otis Air National Guard Base?

I would appreciate your response by July 29, 2005. Please provide a control number for this request and do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information concerning this request.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Cirillo
Director
Review & Analysis

Inquiry Response

Re: BI-0169 (CT-0693) Environmental Restoration Otis

Requester: Defense Base Closure And Realignment Commission (Mr. Frank Cirrillo)

Comment: The Department provided Environmental Restoration cost data for each facility recommended for closure. During a review of the data provided we could not confirm the \$1.25 million Cost to Complete Environmental Restoration for the Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. The FY2003 Annual Report to Congress does not show a listing for Otis separate from the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). The Cost to Complete for MMR is \$495,509,000.

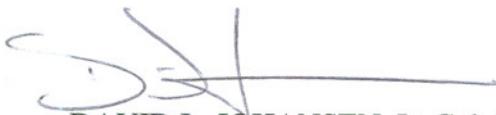
Question: What is the correct cost data for the Otis Air National Guard Base?

Response: The \$1.25M estimated Cost-to-Complete for Otis ANGB is listed in the Defense Environmental Restoration Account and is an annual personnel cost to monitor the cleanup of Otis for FY03, FY04, and FY05. This is separate and in addition to the Cost to Complete for the MMR of \$495,509,000.

There is no definitive "ownership" of environmental issues for specific occupants of the MMR. This is because some pollution from other parts of the MMR flow onto Otis property, and Otis-originated pollution co-mingles with the pollution created by other parts of the MMR. This makes it difficult to attribute costs to Otis. Otis ANGB as part of the MMR, however, is covered by the Cost to Complete of \$495,509,000; \$146,783,000 of that sum is earmarked for the restoration of Otis.

In compliance with OSD Policy Memo 3, December 7, 2004, the environmental restoration costs are not considered in the cost of closure calculations. These are costs the Air Force is obligated to fund whether the installation closes or remains open.

Approved



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