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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Chairman Principi:

This is a response to the August 11, 2005 (CWF #11) inquiry from Mr. Frank Cirillo of your staff concerning the difference between Battle Force Ships between Volume IV of the DOD Base Closure and Realignment Report to the Commission of May 2005 and the "Interim Report to Congress on Annual Long-Range Plan For The Construction of Naval Vessels For FY2006" submitted by the Secretary of the Navy on 23 March 2005. The question and our response are provided below:

Please verify the number of Battle Force Ships in the current Force Structure Plan for FY05 through FY11.

The table below identifies the number of Battle Force Ships in the Revised FSP and the Interim SBP by Fiscal Year for the FYDP. The Interim SBP does not account for the following ship classes: PC (Patrol Craft), MPS (Maritime Prepositioning Ships), T-AH (Hospital Ships), and T-AVB (Aviation Maintenance Logistics Ships). The difference between the two submissions as shown below is due to the fact that these four ship classes are not contained in the Interim SBP. Additionally, the interim SBP does not include FY05.

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
NAVY SHIPS, OTHER	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP	FSP	SBP
TOTAL (Battle Force Ships)	324	N/A	320	289	324	293	328	297	336	301	336	301	341	306
Total minus PC, MPS, T-AH, T-AVB	289	N/A	289	289	293	293	297	297	301	301	301	301	306	306

FSP – Revised Force Structure Plan SBP – Interim Ship Building Plan

I trust this information satisfactorily addresses your concerns. If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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