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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

This is a response to the August 15, 2005 (DSE #42) inquiry from Mr. David Epstein of your staff concerning the Naval Station Newport, RI (NAVSTA Newport). His question and our response follow:

*Chapter 2 of the DOD report shows for DON-25 (Recommendation for Realignment Naval Station Newport, RI) "Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 490 jobs (200 direct, and 290 indirect jobs)...". However, the COBRA shows the realignment of 53 military personnel and 45 civilians. Please explain which is correct and provide a revised COBRA if the current COBRA is incorrect.*

The personnel realignments indicated above, 53 military personnel and 45 civilians, are not in COBRA. The COBRA analysis dated April 20, 2005 for the scenario Realign Naval Station Newport, RI by relocating the Navy Warfare Development Command to Naval Station Norfolk, VA (NAVSTA Norfolk) indicates relocation of 48 officers, 5 enlisted and 58 civilians. Thus, 111 military and government workers will be relocated as part of this scenario.

The Naval Warfare Development Command has 89 contractors onboard and will require the same number in Norfolk, VA. The COBRA analysis does not include relocation costs for contractor personnel but does include any additional costs required for contract termination or start up. In this case, there are no additional costs required for termination or startup.

Criterion 6, Economic Impact, does consider the impact of the loss of contractor positions on the local economy. The Criterion Six analysis accounted for 89 contractor jobs lost plus 111 military and government civilian jobs lost for a total of 200 direct jobs lost in the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area. Two hundred direct jobs and a calculated loss of 290 indirect jobs equals a total of 490 jobs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne R. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "D".

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For Base Realignment and Closure