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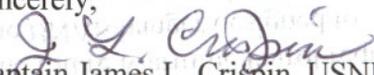
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Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns regarding the proposed realignment of the Brunswick Naval Air Station. With all due respect to the expertise of the appointed members of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, I feel that many oversights have distorted the decision to put BNAS on the Realignment List. I would like to detail my concerns and respectfully request that BNAS be removed from the BRAC list of Closures and Realignments. They are as follows:

1. BNAS is the only fully capable and operational Department of Defense airfield in the northeastern United States. It has continued to be an operational airfield under all conditions in the defense of our Country.
2. BNAS has the infrastructure in place to support the new Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft to be operational in the near future. This support infrastructure will have to be duplicated at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station in order to accommodate the future Maritime Patrol requirements. As we have recently completed the BNAS hanger designed to accommodate the new aircraft, where is the economic advantage of building a new hanger in Jacksonville?
3. The State of Maine has already initiated the development of an inter-service training facility to include Army National Guard, U. S. Marines, Naval Air Reserve, and Surface Navy, in addition to the primary mission of a Naval Air Station. Has the inter-service training concept been included in the economics of keeping the BNAS open?
4. It makes no sense to me to realign BNAS by keeping the base off the Closure List and moving the P3 squadrons to Jacksonville. What is the economic advantage to this action and does it not increase our nation's vulnerability by putting all our East Coast eggs in one basket?

Sincerely,


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Cc: NAS Brunswick Task Force