

BRAC Committee Hearing • Portland, OR • June 17, 2005

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Name/Address: Cristi Hofford
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Base/Installation/Facility: Portland International Airport Air Guard Station

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Being a wife of one of the F-15 pilots, I hear daily the essential need for protection here in Portland, Oregon as well as Washington, Idaho & Montana. Leaving this area open & minimally equipped for emergency makes no sense. The Northwest area needs protection as well as the East Coast. To take away protection from Canada to California is disregarding our safety for a large part of our nation. Please look at the accurate facts & numbers & realize that there is no real cost savings to this plan.

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Having moved here from the east coast the F15s flying over head always have made me feel safe. My entire family lives in the N.W. and to hear that our air defense could be going away makes me very uneasy. Please keep our F15s. Let's not give terrorist an opening.

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Name/Address: Mac Markstaller

State: Or

Base/Installation/Facility: PANG

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Looking at this from a security standpoint ~~the~~ leaving only 2 jets at PANG makes no sense! It leaves a big hole for terrorists and foreign ~~go~~ military to come through. Do we really want to leave ourselves that vulnerable?

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Name/Address: Kaven Cuf

State: Oregon

Base/Installation/Facility: PANGT

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Do we need a third hit to our homeland before we wake up? We need to protect the Northwest. As I recall it is part of the "homeland."

Homeland Security is our first and foremost priority according to the president. Terrorists are not stupid. They will use our weakness (no protection) to their advantage.

Two aircraft not enough. What if one breaks? Then we have only 1. Not enough protection.

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Name/Address: ALAN HERSHMAN
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State: Oregon Forest Grove, OR, 97116
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Closing our ANG Base and
reducing AIRCRAFT FROM
15 → 2 makes no sense at all.

Alan Hershman

Northwest Homeland Defense

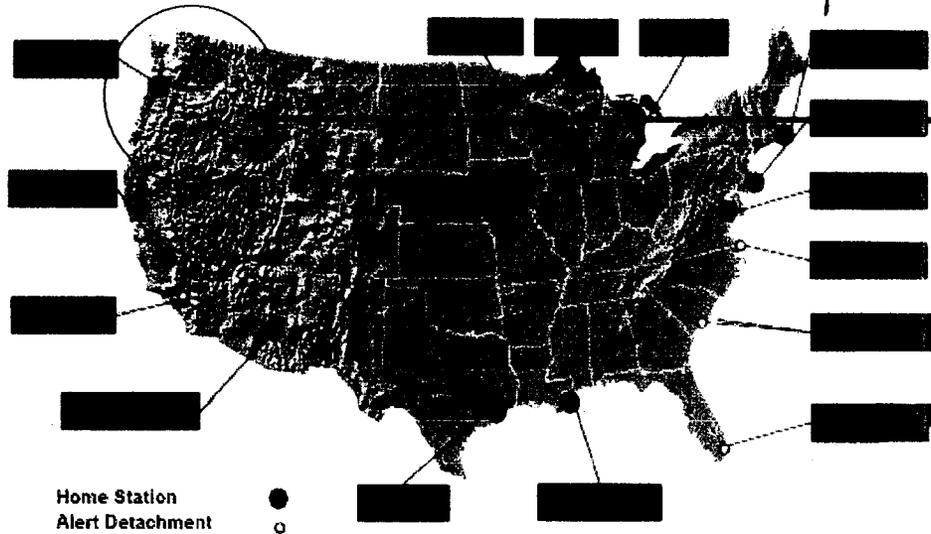
Today's Operation NOBLE EAGLE

Alert Forces

Keep us AT LEAST as protected as we were before 9/11!

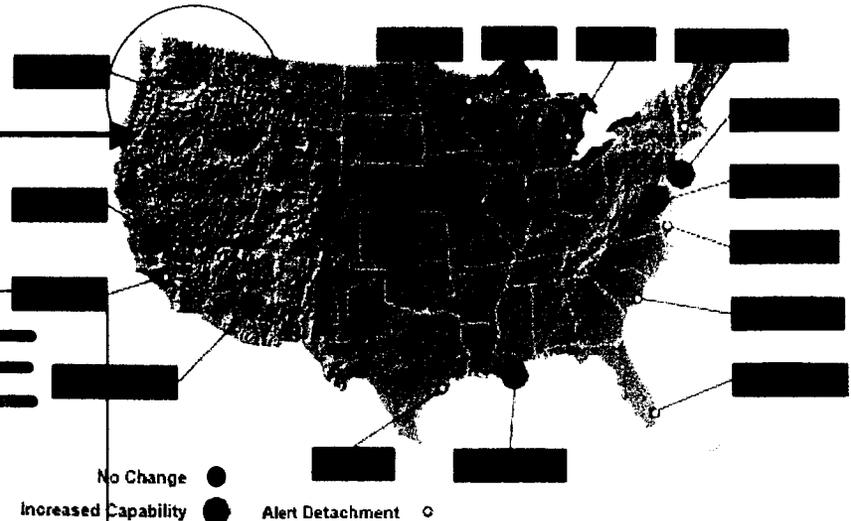
**BEFORE
BRAC**

Vancouver, Wash



Operation NOBLE EAGLE
Post-BRAC Alert Forces

AFTER BRAC



**GET THE PICTURE
NORTHWEST!**

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Name/Address: GERALD W BAUMGARTNER

State: OREGON

Base/Installation/Facility:

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THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT IS TO DEFEND & PROTECT OUR COUNTRY, A PRIME REASON FOR PAYING TAXES. WE NEED THE OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR FORCE PRESENT IN PORTLAND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND ACT AS A DETERRENCE. REMOVING THE AIRBASES LEAVES THE NW MORE AT RISK AND LESS SECURE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE TIMES OF EXTRA CONCERN FOR NORTHEAST SECURITY. LEAVE THE MILITARY HERE, ESPECIALLY IN THIS PINNACLE LAND,

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Name/Address: Lloyd L. Fischer 16896 S.E. FRAGRANCE AVE.

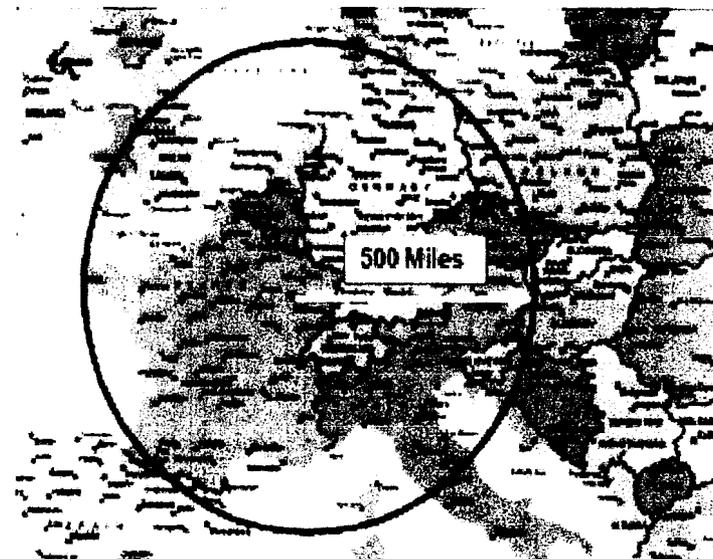
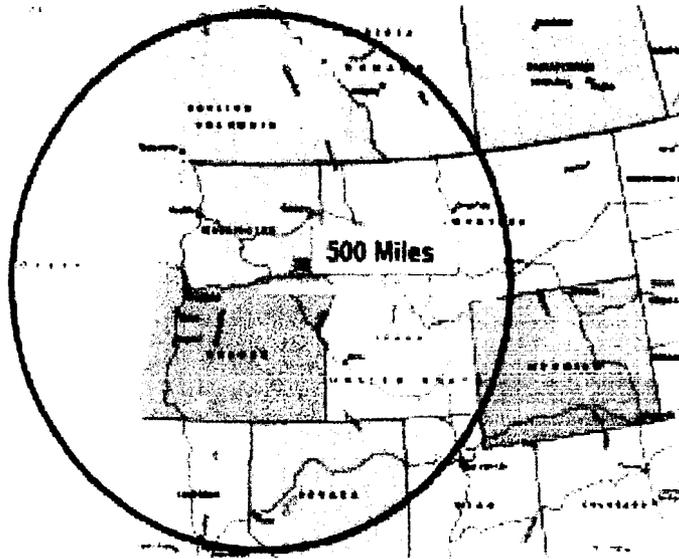
State: MILWAUKEE, OR 97267

Base/Installation/Facility: PORTLAND OREGON A. N. G.

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LEAVING SEVERAL FJTS HERE, & SENDING OUT THE
REST MAKES NO SENSE. PORTLAND'S 142ND PRESENCE
ALONG, POSITS A STRONG DETERRENCE TOWARDS POSSIBLE
AGRESSORS. PORTLAND'S LOCATION MAKES STRATEGIC SENSE.
THE BASE'S PROFESSIONALISM, ALONG WITH PRESENCE
WERE DISPLAYED AFTER THE 9/11 EVENT. BY SENDING
OUR FJTS TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, WERE SERIOUSLY
COMPROMISING OUR NORTHWEST HOMELAND DEFENSE.



Pre-BRAC USAF Fighters Dedicated to Northwest Defense

15

US Fighter Aircraft in Europe

147

Post-BRAC USAF Fighters Dedicated to Northwest Defense

THIS PROPOSAL IS
DANGEROUS TO US ALL.
PLEASE RECONSIDER.

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PRICELESS!!!

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Why disrupt an effective, efficient
unit unnecessarily?

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Name/Address: Robert Hadley

State: OR

Base/Installation/Facility: Portland IAP / 939 ARW

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My concern is Oregon's Public perception of the Military. When you take away such a large presence like the F-15's and its tanker support, our profile greatly diminishes. In an era where the citizen Soldier plays an increasingly important role, it's important to maintain that presence in Portland. Recruiting is another concern as without the 142/939 presence, I can assure you it will get more difficult to recruit the best in this community.

Thank you
Rdb

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Name/Address: Ssgt John T Wood, 49331 NW Hillside Rd,
Forest Grove, Or. 97116

State:

Base/Installation/Facility: Portland Air National Guard 142nd FW.

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Moving the 142nd FW to South Oregon will be detrimental to the security of the Northwest. The plan to close many of the Bases may be a good idea to save money, but not Portland's ANG. What price do we put on the security of our home.



CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Office of
CRAIG ROBERTS, SHERIFF
CHARLES BOWEN, UNDERSHERIFF

June 15, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Polk Building, Suite 600 & 625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

As the elected Sheriff of Clackamas County Oregon, one of Oregon's most populated counties, public safety is my primary concern. Clackamas County is situated literally ten miles south of the Portland Air Base, the home of the 142nd Fighter Wing, and the Portland International Airport. The Portland Metropolitan Area has a combined population of over two million.

The Portland metropolitan area and the entire west coast of the United States of America have many potential "high value" terrorist targets. The eastern seaboard of the United States has suffered first hand the effects of international terrorism. I would like to point out that the west coast is equally vulnerable. A possible terrorist incident in the Pacific Northwest was thwarted after 09/11/01 in part because of well-trained law enforcement personnel and some luck. In that incident, which I am sure you are familiar, a suspect attempted to enter the Pacific Northwest through Canada with the possible intention of detonating explosives at the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington.

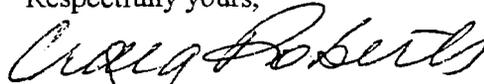
There are legitimate threats to our communities and our citizens deserve the same protections that citizens in the east receive. As part of those protections the maintenance of the 142nd Fighter Wing at Portland, Oregon needs to be continued.

The Portland Airport receives hundreds of flights per day, many of those overseas flights. What occurred in New York City, Washington D.C. and the fields of Pennsylvania could just as easily happen here.

The threat is real and the reality is that the 142nd Fighter Wing is the only military line of defense that can readily deploy from California to Canada. As a public safety official I know the importance of properly allocating and deploying personnel for maximum public safety.

On behalf of the 362,000 citizens of my county that I have sworn to protect and be their conservator of peace, I am asking for your support in changing the DoD recommendation to move the 142nd Fighter Wing from Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully yours,



CRAIG ROBERTS, SHERIFF



City of Gresham

Mayor Charles Becker

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Via FAX: Earl Blumenauer (503) 230-5413

Dear Chairman Principi,

The recent Department of Defense (DOD) recommendation to the BRAC Commission includes moving Oregon's 142nd Fighter Wing F-15's to Atlantic City and New Orleans. This is an open invitation to acts of terrorism in the Pacific Northwest, which would be devastating to our citizens and a multitude of sensitive industries. As the mayor of Oregon's fourth largest city, I join the Oregon delegation and our governor in their opposition to moving the fighter jets.

This recommendation compromises the security of the Pacific Northwest and reduces air defense capability to below 9/11 levels. Not only would this threaten the security of the area, it would have a severe negative economic impact on the region, and the loss of jobs would place stress on the quality of life we've all come to enjoy and expect.

Strategic businesses in the Pacific Northwest, such as Intel, Microsoft, Boeing, LSI Logic, Microchip, the Port of Portland and the Bonneville Power Administration, and many others would be placed in harms way.

The 142nd Fighter Wing Mission currently provides air defense from the Canadian border to California, covering 11 million citizens. No other base in the Pacific Northwest covers this range. Moving this tactical unit to a point where it cannot respond expeditiously is sheer folly, in my opinion.

I ask for your consideration and leadership to help reverse this DOD recommendation, which would degrade the Homeland Security of the Northwest, at a time when the 142nd Fighter Wing's homeland defense mission is more critical than ever.

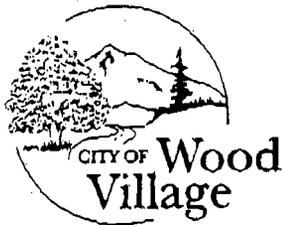
Please do not jeopardize our paradise; there must be a better plan that will keep us safe and secure.

Yours truly,

Charles J. Becker
Mayor

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*Mayor*

David M. Fuller

Council President

Peggy Jo Minter

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Patricia Smith

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Thank you for your help and consideration in keeping the Pacific Northwest and the United States safe.

Respectfully yours,

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David M. Fuller, Mayor
and the Wood Village City Council



Baker City Police Department

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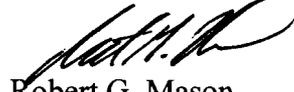
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Robert G. Mason
Chief of Police



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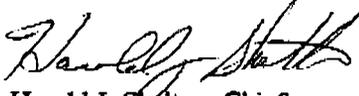
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**Harold J. Skelton, Chief
Sandy Police Department**

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the City of Cottage Grove I am writing to voice our opposition to the recommendation to move F-15 aircraft of the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard from Portland, Oregon. The Cottage Grove City Council unanimously supports maintaining the F-15 presence with the 142nd.

The aircraft assigned to the 142nd play an essential role in the Homeland security of the Pacific Northwest. They are located in a prime location near vital maritime and air transportation and can provide quick and efficient response in critical situations. Removal of the F-15s from the 142nd will mean unnecessary delays on responses and jeopardize the safety of all citizens in the Pacific Northwest.

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The homeland defense mission of the 142nd Fighter Wing can only be successfully carried out by maintaining continuous air superiority. The 142nd Fighter Wing stands on 24-hour alert patrolling the airspace north to the Canadian border and south to the California border - no other base in the Pacific Northwest can cover this range. The F-15 provides the equipment to meet the needs of the protection of the Pacific Northwest.

The men and women of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard have a distinguished history and deserve recognition for their courage, abilities and expertise. However, they do not only deserve recognition, but also they deserve to have the proper tools to complete their assigned mission.

Recently, the Cottage Grove Community hosted an Armed Forces Day celebration that honored our own 2nd Battalion of the 162nd Infantry for their service in Iraq and in the community as well as all veterans and current military personnel. When the two F-15s flew-over the ceremonies it gave the entire community not only a sense of pride but a feeling of safety. Please do not take that safety for our citizens away.

On behalf of our citizens, the Cottage Grove City Council respectfully requests that the recommendation from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to transfer aircraft from the 142nd Fighter Wing be reversed and that the 142nd continue to be provided with the air defense capabilities to accomplish their mission of homeland defense for the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
Mayor

cc: Senator Gordon Smith
Senator Ron Wyden
Congressman Peter DeFazio
Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

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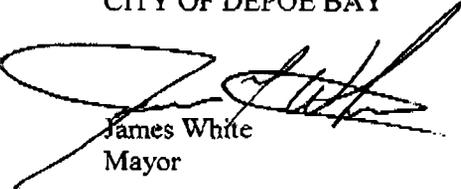
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CITY OF DEPOE BAY



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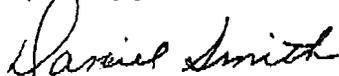
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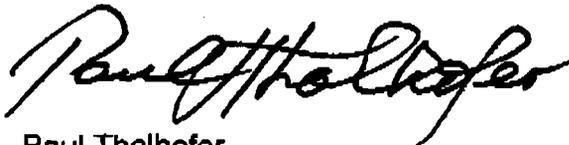
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THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2005

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION

Your mission is off base. The United States of America, needs a bigger military with more bases. And, that means more bases at home here in the U.S.A..

The bigger military that I recommend is as follows:

U.S. Air Force: 25,000 aircraft and the needed support elements. Divided up between the Active Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

U.S. Army: 2,100,000 troops. Active Army, 700,000; Army National Guard, 700,000; Army Reserve, 700,000.

U.S. Coast Guard: 300,000. Active Coast Guard, 200,000; Coast Guard Reserve, 100,000.

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U.S. Navy: 600 ships and the needed support elements. Active Navy, 400 ships; Navy Reserve, 200 ships. You may want to consider a Naval National Guard, as some seacoast states at one time had Naval Militias.

“We” should give our military three broad missions: Defense, Disaster and Environment (DDE).

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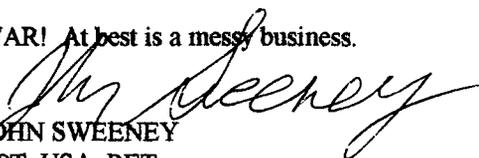
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However, the military is like buying insurance. You must buy it first. As a nation that normally does not start its wars. The United States of America must be prepared for as many possibilities as possible. In advance!

WAR! At best is a messy business.


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Dear Chairman Principi,

I am joining our representatives in Washington, D.C. and the people of Portland in asking you to reconsider the Department of Defense's recent recommendation to remove the majority of F-15's attached to the 142nd Fighter Wing from their vital mission of protecting the Pacific Northwest.

It is inconceivable to me that Americans from Northern California to the Canadian border would be left with diminished security in the name of cost cutting. Nor is it clear why the lives and property of those living in the Eastern and Southern portions of our country have a higher priority than those of us in Oregon, Washington and Northern California, who soon will be without the continuous air defense and air superiority capabilities of our fighter jets. But that is the conclusion I draw when I see that under the current proposal only two F-15's will be available to cover the Pacific Northwest's vast airspace – and without full protection, we are at risk.

During your hearings here in Portland on June 17th, you will hear testimony from concerned officials that following the Department of Defense recommendations will neglect the basic mission of Homeland Defense and diminish the 24-hour capabilities of the North American Air Defense (NORAD) system. I strongly share those concerns, and ask for your support and leadership to help reverse the DOD recommendation.

Thank you for your help and consideration in keeping the people of Portland, the Pacific Northwest and all of the United States safe, secure and protected.

Respectfully yours,

Tom Potter
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CHUCK RILEY
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The Honorable Darlene Hooley
United States Representative
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Dear Representative Hooley,

I have received the Department of Defense's proposal to remove the 142nd Fighter Wing F-15 aircraft from the Portland Air National Guard Base.

I am alarmed at how this recommendation renders the Pacific Northwest's eleven million people vulnerable to terrorist-controlled airplane or offshore cruise missile attacks.

The 142nd Fighter Wing provides the only operational fighters with air-to-air capability to defend American skies from the California to Canadian borders. McChord Air Force Base, Whidbey Island Air Station, and Kingsley Air National Guard Base do not provide that. Only the Portland Air National Guard Base does.

Therefore, the DOD's recommendation to reduce the number of jets that defend the Pacific Northwest from 15 planes - to just 2 - is completely unacceptable.

The Leadership of the Oregon Air National Guard and our congressional delegation will provide more specific details at your June 17 hearing in Portland on intelligence reports and logistical evidence for protecting this region.

Sincerely,

Rep. Chuck Riley

cc: U.S. Senator Gordon Smith
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Dear Chairman Principi,

The safety and security of my community is the number one priority of my job as Mayor of Oregon City. Therefore, I am extremely concerned about the potential threat to the security of our area if the recent DoD recommendation to the BRAC Commission to move the 142nd Fighter Wing's F-15 aircraft to New Orleans and Atlantic City is not overturned. I believe this action places the Pacific Northwest and Western Region of the United States at risk. This decision must be reversed.

No other base in the Pacific Northwest covers the range of the 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland, OR, and without it we are at risk. Their present position is geographically strategic, providing both continuous air defense and air superiority capabilities from northern California far into Canada, part of the 24-hour continuous alert North American Air Defense (NORAD) system.

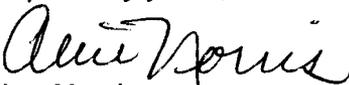
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Alice Norris, mayor



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TO: Darlene Hooley, US Representative
RE: BRAC Hearing June 17
FOR: Chair Principi, BRAC Commission

Dear Darlene,

I apologize for this coming in so late; I wasn't alerted early enough to create a timely response. That being said, I will assume that I am "preaching to the choir" when I urge that the 142nd Fighter Wing NOT be taken out of Portland. President Bush said, "The U.S. government has no more important mission than protecting the homeland from future terrorist attacks". This proposed move would certainly seem to fly in the face of that statement. To leave the entire Northwestern United States defended by a single fighter alert site equipped with two aircraft and a skeleton maintenance crew certainly would appear to fly in the face of that remark by the President. I would almost guarantee that those who would do this country harm know where the defense weaknesses are and are already hard at work devising schemes to take advantage of the scant and inadequate military coverage in this section of the United States.

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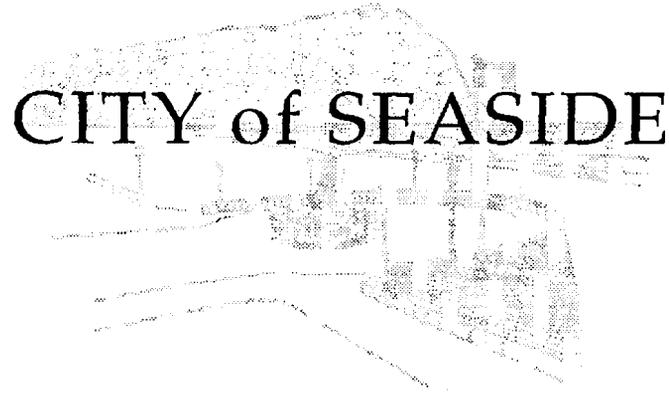
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Thank you for your help.

Most sincerely,

Susanne Smith
by *Nancy Otterson, City Recorder*
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Having spent 35 years as a reservist I know how the discussions and thoughts of "pending closures" affect morale. At a time like this in the United States we don't need any distractions that affect recruiting. Also, we in the Pacific Northwest do not have our fair share of the military defense financial support. Please leave the 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland, Oregon.

Thank you for your help and consideration in keeping the Pacific Northwest and the United States safe.

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Don Larson

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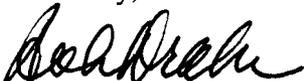
This letter is asking the BRAC Commission to reject the Department of Defense's (DoD) recommendation moving the 142nd Fighter Wing's F-15 aircraft to New Orleans and Atlantic City. I serve over 80,000 residents in the City of Beaverton and have grave concerns about their safety from terrorists and other potential enemies without protection from the 142nd Fighter Wing.

The 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland, Oregon protects a large geographic area from northern California far into Canada. It is part of the 24-hour continuous alert North American Air Defense (NORAD) system. The potential for terrorist acts in the northwest is very real because it serves as a major air link between Asia and North America. Overseas and domestic flights departing the Portland, SeaTac and Vancouver, BC Airports are fully-loaded with fuel and would serve as flying weapons of mass destruction anywhere up and down the northwest coast. A two-pronged terrorist attack would not be adequately covered by the outfitting of only a couple of fighter planes as is being proposed at the Portland Airbase. These planes would be capable of responding to only one hijacked plane, which would leave the potential for a large manmade disaster in another area.

My citizens and the rest of the northwest residents deserve better protection. Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we should at a minimum be maintaining our current defense system. The recommendation by the DoD leaves us more exposed to terrorist and other potential enemies than other parts of the United States. This is not right and is very unfair. It won't take long for the "bad guys" to figure out that we're far more vulnerable than before.

Please reject the DoD recommendation and maintain the 142nd Fighter Wing's F-15 aircraft at the Portland Air Base.

Sincerely,


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RE: 142nd Fighter wing

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The citizens of the Pacific Northwest deserve protection similar to that afforded the Eastern United States. What is especially good for this country is that our 142nd Fighter wing can provide that protection less expensively than other resources.

The 142nd Fighter Wing's homeland defense mission is more critical now than ever and is being provided to us at a bargain price. How can it make sense to relocate this operation? Please support the security of the Northwest and work to reverse the DOD recommendations. I am convinced that once you review the facts you will see the need for the 142nd Fighter Wing to remain in Portland. Thank you for your help on this important issue for the entire Northwest.

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Vernon Wells
Chief of Police



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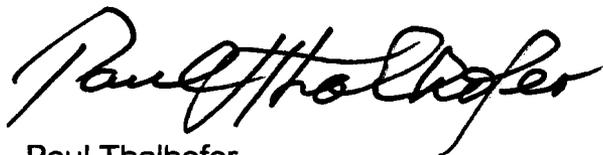
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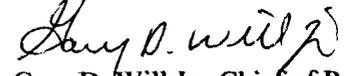
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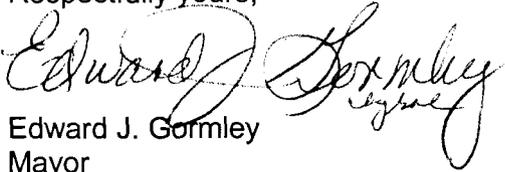
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Edward J. Gormley
Mayor

EJG:ral

June 10, 2005

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Polk Building, Suite 600 & 625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

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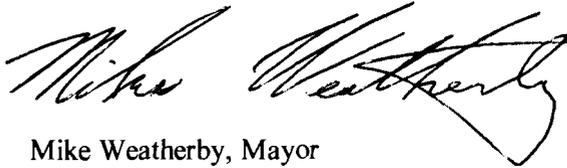
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Mike Weatherby, Mayor

CITY OF DAMASCUS
19750 SE Damascus Lane
Damascus, OR 97009

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Dee E. Wescott, Mayor
City of Damascus



Independence Police Department

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June 13, 2005

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RE: 142nd Fighter wing

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The citizens of the Pacific Northwest deserve protection similar to that afforded the Eastern United States. What is especially good for this country is that our 142nd Fighter wing can provide that protection less expensively than other resources.

The 142nd Fighter Wing's homeland defense mission is more critical now than ever and is being provided to us at a bargain price. How can it make sense to relocate this operation? Please support the security of the Northwest and work to reverse the DOD recommendations. I am convinced that once you review the facts you will see the need for the 142nd Fighter Wing to remain in Portland. Thank you for your help on this important issue for the entire Northwest.

Sincerely,

Vernon Wells
Chief of Police

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Comment Form

Name/Address: *Vicki Thompson*
647 NW Bledsoe St

State: Oregon *Huskm. Or 97080*

Base/Installation/Facility: Portland International Airport Air Guard Station

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We are no longer safe in our own country.
Taking away the military protection that the Air Guard
provide the citizens of Oregon, Washington & Northern Calif.
is despicable. There is no doubt no deterrent of another 9/11
Nly this time it would be here on the West Coast.
What happened to Homeland Security?*

June 17, 2005

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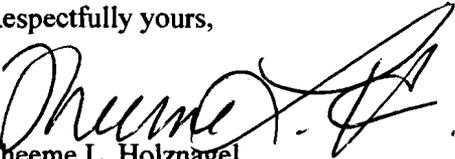
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Theeme L. Holznagel
Assistant Director

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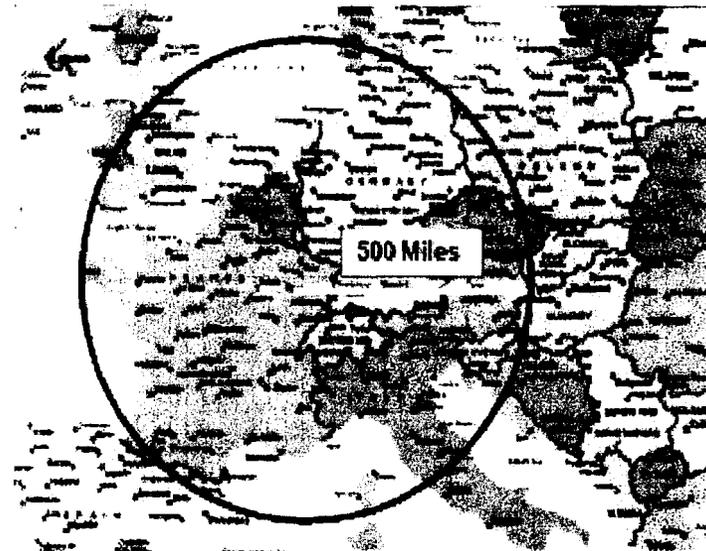
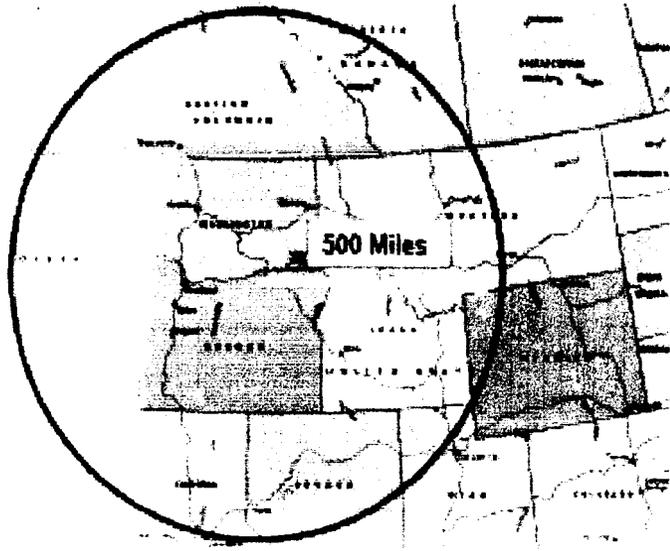
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State: Oregon Portland, OR 97207

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Pre-BRAC USAF Fighters Dedicated to Northwest Defense

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US Fighter Aircraft in Europe

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Post-BRAC USAF Fighters Dedicated to Northwest Defense

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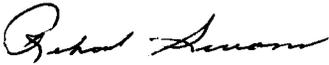
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Portland, Oregon 97214

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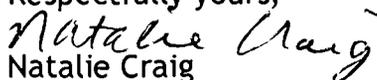
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Respectfully yours,

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Natalie Craig
23907 SW Golden Pond Terrace
Sherwood, OR 97140

June 17, 2005

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Respectfully yours,



Jacqueline L. Fowler, RN
3119 N. Center St.
Newberg, Or 97132

June 15, 2005

BRAC Commission
Public Hearing

Dear Commissioners

First, I want to thank you for agreeing to serve on the BRAC Commission – a task that is difficult at best.

I am writing to urge you stop any closure or relocation of the 142nd Fighter Wing Mission located in Portland, Oregon. I also ask that you increase the capability of that Portland force.

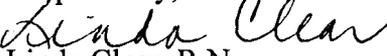
I recently visited the memorial at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, a tragic reminder of what can befall a nation that is not prepared. Through the books I purchased from the visitor center, I learned that the planes had been lined up on the field -- to protect them from sabotage on the ground. Instead, unanticipated destruction rained from the skies.

Closure of the Portland base, with its ability to rapidly protect the entire northwest, reminds me of the military decision to line those planes up on that field. Only in this case, the whole citizen population of the northwest is lined up like sitting ducks. In addition, the chemical and nuclear weapons/waste in locations such as Hermiston and Hanford are some of the most appealing targets for terrorism. Those sites have dangerous substances as a result of supporting WWII and the cold war efforts. Our military protection should be increased, rather than decreased. It would be a cold irony indeed if the citizens of this area worked at Hanford to support our nation and then were left with reduced protection.

Sometimes our national leaders forget that the population is not all situated along the eastern seaboard. It is true that the east has been the focus of most attacks thus far. However, the west is closest to the danger of North Korea. The far west is where Japan attacked in WWII. We must take care that we look at the whole of history and not rely only on recent threats to determine our military protection.

Again, I urge you to increase the capacity of the 142nd Wing Mission in Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully,


Linda Clear, R.N.
7407 NE 165th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98682

Cc: Congressman Brian Baird, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell

June 17, 2005

BRAC Commission
Public Hearing
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Sincerely,



Jennifer LaFavor
6111 SE 72nd Ave
Portland, OR 97206

8202 NE Going St.
Portland, OR 97220-4860

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Name/Address: TIM JOHNSON, BEALE REGIONAL ALLIANCE COMM.
1227 BRIDGE ST
State: YUBA CITY, CA 95993
Base/Installation/Facility: BEALE AFB

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WE SUPPORT THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATION
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Comment Form

Name/Address: Brian Forslund
State: Oregon 36604 SE 3rd Cir, Washougal WA

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My son-in-law Sgt. Gregory Baumgartner was 6/17/05
an active marine for 8 years. He got out due to an injury to
his leg December, 2004. He joined the reserves January 2005
+ the Portland air national Guard Base. He is currently at a 13
week F-15 fighter jet engine training class in Wichita Falls, Texas.
I'm here on his behalf, and a ton of friends, neighbors, and
relatives located in Oregon City, Oregon. My son-in-law is to
be hired as a civilian F-15 jet mechanic next month. If you
close the base, or relocate the F-15 fighter jets, then he will be
unemployed. Oregon has the second to the highest unemployment
rate in the state as it is.

My son-in-law and daughter were stationed in New York ^{ON THE BASE} during Sept. 11th. My daughter and 8 other pregnant women went
into premature labor. My daughter was only 19 weeks pregnant, so
she had to be hospitalized to save her son. 2 women lost their babies,
- that was 2 more tragedies of Sept. 11th. Thank God, my grandson
was born only one week prematurely, and was healthy.

Please do not close and/or relocate the 15 F-15 jet fighter planes.
Our family has already sacrificed enough for its ~~country~~ that
is fine, as we are all very patriotic. Please at least make us
feel safe in our own home!!! I have many friends and relatives
in California and Washington. They are all so very
frightened and concerned about our security.

Our state can not afford to be unprotected, and have an extra
added burden of 1.6 million dollars annually over the next
7 years. Please re-consider the base closure and reduction of jets.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Debra Ann Kasoria
13456 Barclay Hills Drive
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 650-8265



Northwest F-15's over Mt. Hood

*The citizens
of the
Northwest
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**STOP BRAC
NOW!**

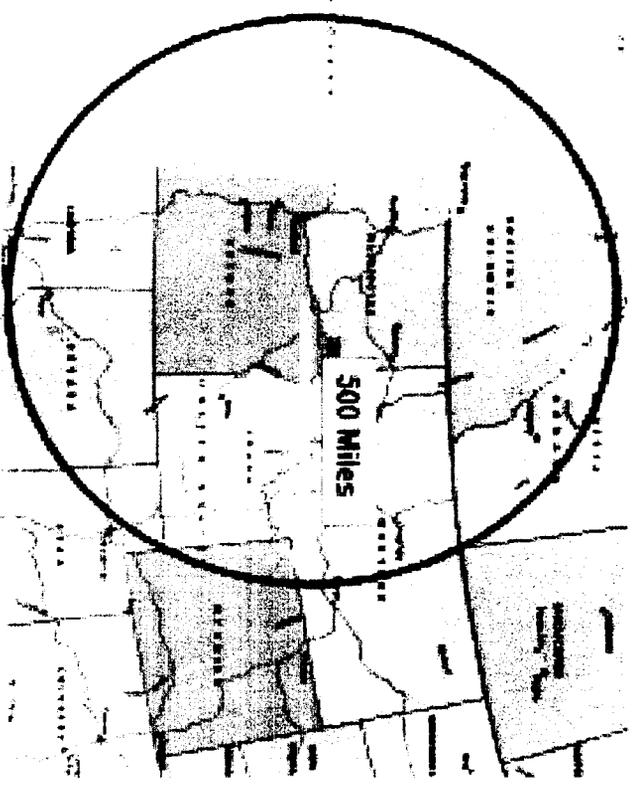
As a physician for 30 years in Portland and a flight surgeon - the 142nd FW I know the pilots as well as the rest of the members of the fighter wing very well.

The 142 FW and 123 FS is arguably known to be the best fighter squadron in the USAF. For the dollars saved, it would be a tragedy to lose the talent and chemistry of this organization as it now exists.

James D. Fearl MD
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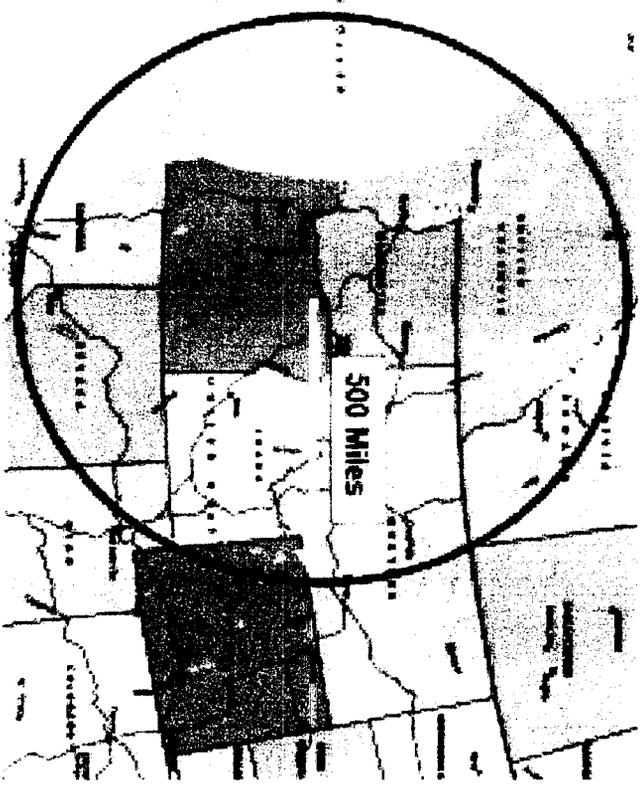


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SLEEP WELL NORTHWEST CITIZENS!

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ERIC OHLSEN 1831 DOGWOOD AVE ROSEBURG OR
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"I thought all bases have defunded
Bush suggested most efforts to save them
will be futile." Jennifer Ioven AP
5-28-05. This being the executive
branch attitude you appear to be in
Portland is ~~not~~ nothing but a formality
to say to the people that we sought
your input. We have made our mind
up - your input makes good public
relations. Senators Wyden & Smith
do not represent the people neither do
retired generals.

you guys are listening to your leaders

Why this realignment?
Do save money? The military take $\frac{1}{2}$ of
our national budget. Saving money is
a concept ^{with which} only we common people are
acquainted. Congress, over our well being,
just gave the military $\$8$ Billion in a
supplemental bill. The military ask
Congress if get what they want. This
realignment is to combat terrorist
threat? The U.S. weapons industry
arms the rest of the world and
the DOD take from us to "defend
us" from the same people. Our
government and his corporate
buddies are - the real terrorist
threat. When our "military managers
blow 280 tons of explosive ~~to~~ <sup>(billions
pounds)</sup> to pass into the hands of the
"insurgents" in Iraq. - Then spend
our troops lives and our resources fighting

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can bomber for ever. This is
US military business as usual

Bush says the realignment is
to save money so it can be spent
fighting terrorism and 21 century threats.
Rumsfeld says this money is to be
spent on 21 century challenges and the
war against extremism. I'm concerned
that this realignment, not downsizing,
is to counter domestic dissent to the
elitist global ambition and domestic
curbing of freedoms and standard of living
of we the public

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Removing the 142 FW from the western US would leave a large gap in the aerial defense of the US and seriously weaken Homeland Security on a NATIONAL BASIS.

The 142 FW has a long tradition of providing the most cost effective fleet of F-15s or Fighter to the military in comparison to other ANG units with

the same aircraft. You can compare Oregon's 142FW to OTTs, Jacksonville, St. Louis or New Orleans units and the 142FW consistently provides the lowest maintenance manhour per flight hour and the highest in commission rates of combat Resowers.

The decision to close the 142 FW ~~is~~ does not make sense as ~~the~~ ^{we} taxpayers want more bang for our buck.

JERRY Thompson
OR ANG (Retiree)

Commissioners,

Homeland Defense and security are essential always, but most importantly during these difficult times.

Realignment of the Portland Air National Guard Base will significantly reduce this nation's capability to defend itself.

Having only two alert aircraft to cover three states and protect over 11 million people is not prudent, safe or wise.

All citizens in the Pacific Northwest and the United States deserve the security, safety and insurance provided by the Portland Air National Guard Base.

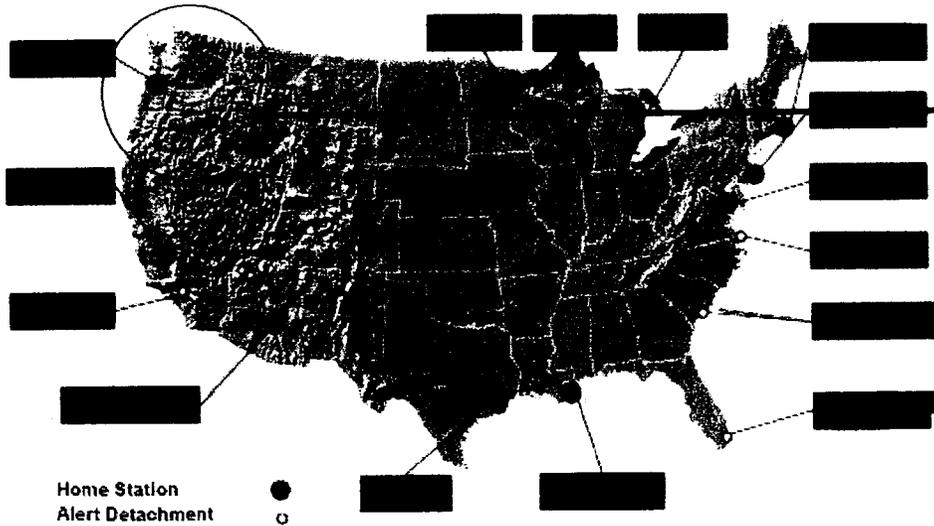
The numbers, justification and logic (??) provided do not make sense and cannot be rationalized with hard facts or numbers.

Please reconsider realignment. It does not make sense.

Respectfully,
D. A. E.

Northwest Homeland Defense

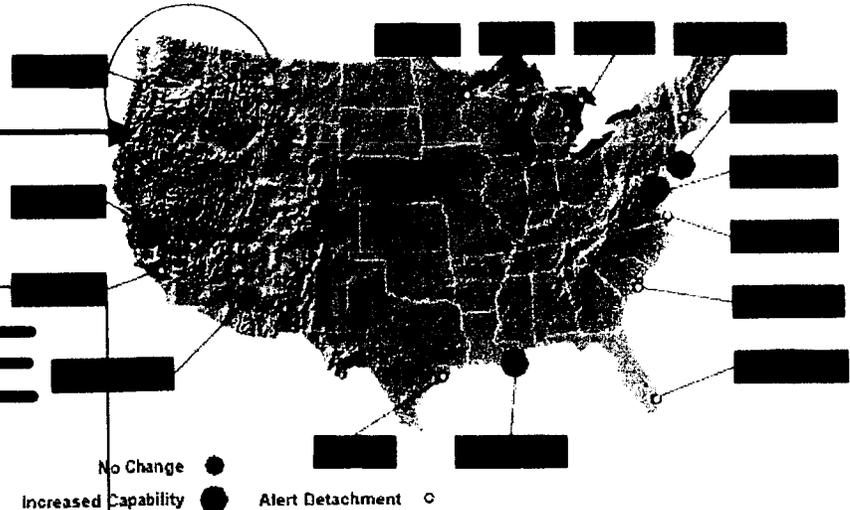
Today's Operation NOBLE EAGLE Alert Forces



**BEFORE
BRAC**

Operation NOBLE EAGLE *Post-BRAC* Alert Forces

AFTER BRAC



**GET THE PICTURE
NORTHWEST!**

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Please write your comments below (use other side if needed):

The 142nd is a very ^{strong} part of Northwest and its environs. It serves to protect the lives of this community and our security, and lives will be in a great jeopardy if it is ever closed. Let's not let politics and bureaucracy be cloud our good sense of judgement and rights of security.

42nd As a community, we love and appreciate for their services and what they stand for.

Current developments have shown that Portland is a hotbed of terrorist and the

Closure will make it even more easier for
the operations of terrorists;
We need 142nd for protection.

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The 142nd is a vital part of the community. Providing safety and protection for the citizens of Portland and Vancouver. The fighter wing and its members of support and operations are crucial to the community they are our neighbors and friends, they work hard to reach out to the community and influence the next generation with the values of Freedom, Justice Honor and Valor. An example of this is

Their visits to Childrens Hospitals and
Hosting Young American Day. These
two acts alone touch the lives of
thousands in this community.

The financial side of this decision
is based on figures that lie and
pers who figure. There will be
just as much cost involved in
realigning/closing this base as keeping
it open. (Be good stewards of
my taxes and protect me and my
family) Keep the 142nd in portland.

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Gentlemen,

As a Portland resident since 1975, I feel it is a mistake to close the Air Base operations proposed for closure/relocation. Through the last 3 1/2 years in particular, I and my friends and neighbors have felt more secure just knowing that the base is here, operational, and providing a continuity of organized, ready defence against times of public danger. I know many individ-

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nals who put in uncounted unpaid overtime
at the base, simply to preserve this
continuity. It is, I feel, entirely inadvised
to break that continuity especially now,
to save a few theoretical dollars.

Beyond that, it is wrong to call upon
such people for their continued sacrifice,
and then pull the carpet out from
under them, their families and their
communities.

As a voter and an American veteran,
I recommend that you abandon the notion
of closing the Portland Air Base functions

Thank you.

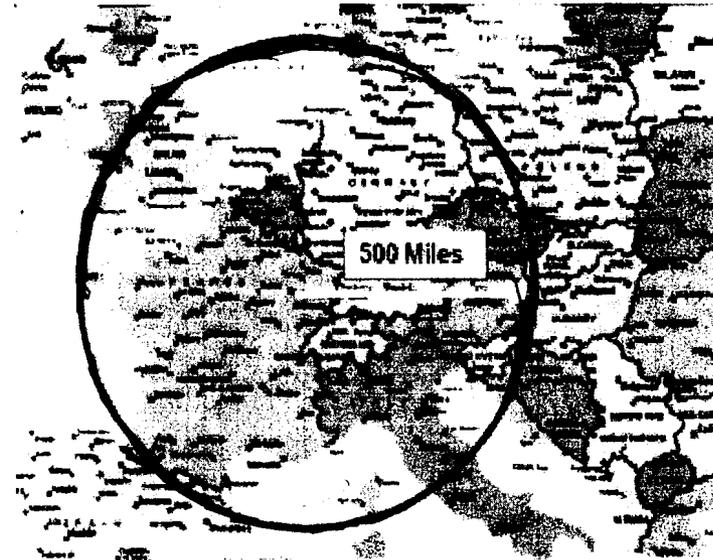
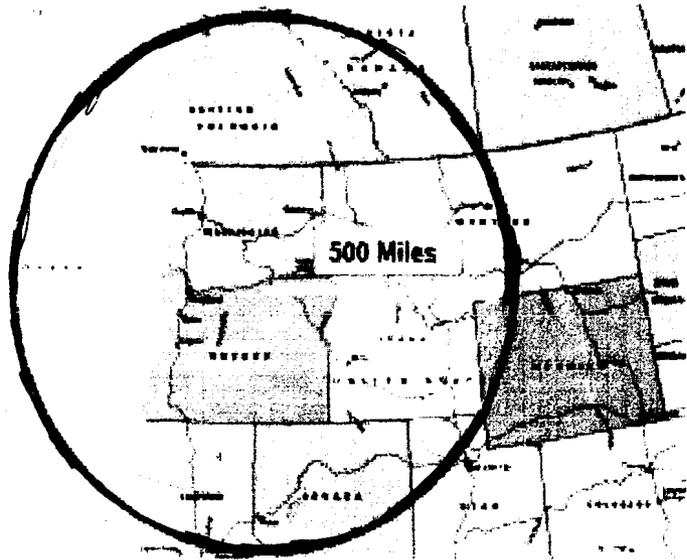


What common sense went into this recommendation?

Why leave the citizens of the Pacific Northwest citizens unprotected against terrorism outbreaks? By reducing our defense you leave men, women, and children (those whom will lead us in the future) vulnerable and unprotected. If our government's greed is so insatiable, go ahead and ~~pull~~ realign the gods, but know that you could possibly be the cause of thousands of deaths if ~~terrorists~~ terrorists decide to attack. Call me naive at my age of 15, I don't care. And it would seem, I have more common sense than those who wrote the Pentagon plan combined. I support my country and will follow whatever decision you make, but ~~please~~ ~~please~~ ~~please~~ please of you, please don't leave our people unprotected. Even with

15 jets we are unclannanned, so what protection do you hope to give with just 2? My name is Kristi Marie Young and I am a 15 yr old military brat. ~~If there is protection~~, I will have to live with ~~your~~ ~~idea~~ the decisions you make now, and so will my peers. Please, make the best decision and don't let ~~your~~ our nation's debt cloud your vision. Thank you.

D. P.S. Also, don't let Rumsfeld's ~~plan~~ ~~plan~~ plan ruin our homeland's security.



Pre-BRAC USAF Fighters Dedicated to Northwest Defense

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US Fighter Aircraft in Europe

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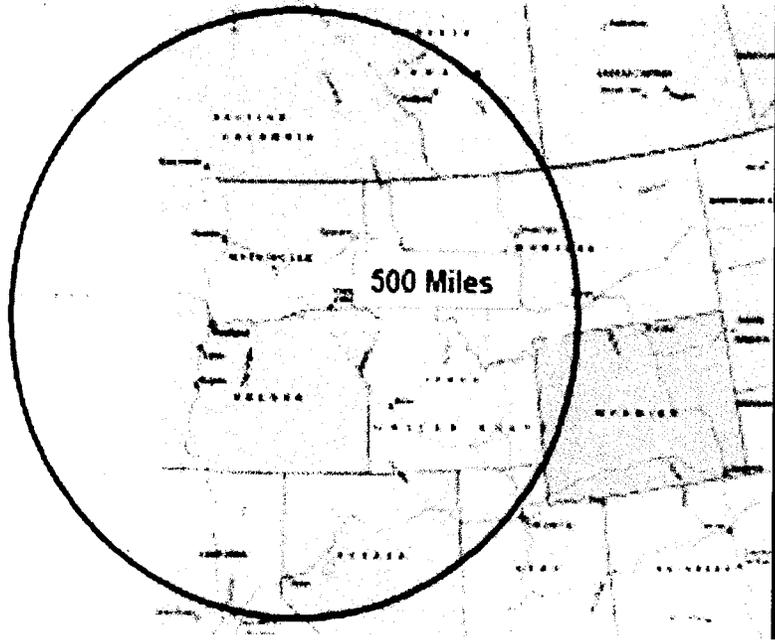
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PRICELESS!!!

Pre-BRAC

11 Million People

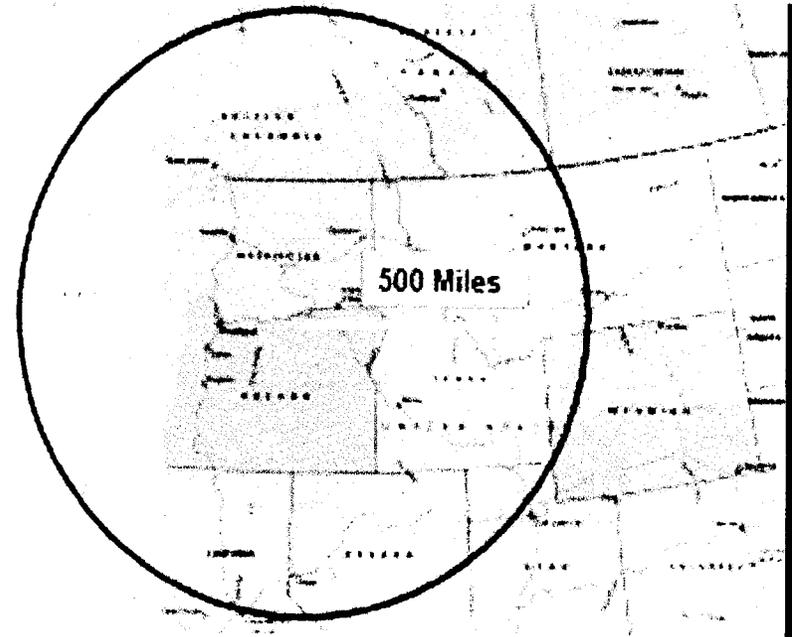


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Air Defense Aircraft

Post-BRAC

11 Million People



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Air Defense Aircraft

SLEEP WELL NORTHWEST CITIZENS!

PLEASE CHANGE THE DOD
RECOMENDATION TO CLOSE THE
142 FW, PROTECT THE NW
UNITED STATES W/ 15 F-15
AIRCRAFT.

Daniel S. Tverberg
DANIEL TVERBERG
GRESHAM OR.

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DEAR SIRs

AS A MEMBER OF THE ORE AIR NAT GUARD & A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF OREGON I am compelled to ASK THAT YOU REVIEW THE BRAC DECISIONS AND RECONSIDER WHAT THE REMOVAL OF OUR F-15 AIRCRAFT WILL MEAN TO OUR HOMETOWN SECURITY MISSION IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, LEAVING ONLY 2 AIRCRAFT AND A SKELETON CREW FOR AN ALERT COMMITMENT IN AN AREA THIS SIZE IS LIKE GOING ON A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD WITHOUT A SPARE TIRE OR A JACK. PLACING THE SUPPORT MISSION FOR THESE 2 AIRCRAFT ON KINGSEY FIELD DOES NOT MAKE SENSE IN THAT THEIR MISSION IS PRIMARILY FOR PILOT TRAINING AND NOT FOR AIR DEFENSE. IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE LOGISTICALLY & FINANCIALLY TO ADD AIRCRAFT TO OUR BASE IF THE DESIRE OF THE PENTAGON IS TO GROUP 24 AIRCRAFT. THE TRANSITION COSTS WOULD BE LESS AND WITH SLIGHTLY MORE MANPOWER OUR FACILITY IS ALREADY IN PLACE

(OVER)

THE OREGON ANG'S 142nd FIGHTER-WING HAS CONSISTENTLY HAD EXCELLENT RATINGS FOR SAFETY, MISSION CAPABILITY, COMMUNITY SUPPORT & OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE. AS AN AIRMAN I WOULD MISS WORKING WITH THIS ORGANIZATION, BUT AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN I WILL KNOW THAT WE ARE LEAVING A TREMENDOUS GAP IN OUR NATION'S SECURITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Steve Wilson

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Please write your comments below (use other side if needed):

I am a high school math teacher in Albany. I think it is completely idiotic to consider sending all but 2 of the Portland F-15s to New Jersey and Louisiana. That move would leave the Northwest less well defended than it was prior to 9/11/01. Moreover, it would leave the region in a 500-mile radius from Portland quite vulnerable to a multi-pronged attack. This would constitute an invitation to terrorists to come and attack. With only 2 F-15s on alert, who is going to protect sea lanes, international flights, Microsoft, Boeing, Seattle, dams along the Columbia River, nuclear power plants, etc.??

(OVFP)

This whole situation is beyond belief. By making these proposals, the BRAC Committee has placed the Oregon Air Guard in the posture of defending its very existence. This process takes an enormous amount of energy away from the important mission and training of the organization.

As a taxpayer and citizen I am quite supportive of changes that will save money, provided those changes do not jeopardize our homeland security. So if the F-15s in Portland represented excess/redundant capacity and were not essential to the defense of the Northwest then I would be OK with the proposal. But this is not the case. By removing all but 2 of the F-15s, you would be placing our region in an untenable situation. ~~Having~~ Having studied the situation carefully, I have come to the conclusion that if anything should be done, it should be the addition of fighter planes to Portland in order for the Northwest to be as well guarded as the rest of the country.

In summary, I plead with you to reverse this irrational proposal for the Portland Air National Guard Base. Sincerely,
Max A. M.

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The relocation of the 142nd Fighter wing seems to "fly in the face" of reason. As evidenced by the events of 9/11, those who seek to harm the citizens of the United States are capable and willing to stage simultaneous attacks. Reexamines our ability to respond rapidly and in kind. Why do the ^{reactions of} BRAC Commission appear to indicate that the protection of NW citizens is not ^(over)

as important as any other Region in
the Continental United States.

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As a concerned NW Citizen and ^(mother) parent-in-law of an F-15 pilot, I feel it is imperative that this issue be looked at with Homeland Defense as the 1st concern vs. a \$\$ issue.

The NW is home to Ports, Dams, Rails and major freeways. As well as Hanford a major nuclear depository. Any of these areas are open to terrorist attack. The Pacific NW should be protected as well as the East Coast. To take away protection from CA to Canada is disregarding our safety for a large part of our nation. Please review the accurate facts and eliminate the Portland Air National Guard from the BRAC

Proposal. We all deserve to be protected and
safe.

Thank you for your time in correcting this
huge error.

One 15 million people & all the assets within the Pacific Northwest not worth the cost of safety & security that the region can provide? It is not cost efficient to keep a detachment here with only limited trained pilots & crews. When you can have many trained pilots, crews & personnel in the area & planes in the air within 5 min. so companies to be having.

Did we not learn anything from 9-11?

It doesn't make sense to ~~have~~ ~~operations~~ ~~there~~ think that while the planes are in one place that another area would not be attacked & not secure.

Please do not leave the Northwest at risk to terrorism!!

As Sen. Smith said if BRAC goes through we are leaving a welcome mat out for terrorists. What about "Homeland Security?" Is the Northwest not part of the homeland? We are not important? Boeing, Microsoft, Intel, Microsoft Seattle, Portland will be expected to ^{many of the terrorists that have been arrested have been from the Northwest} ~~be~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~Northwest~~ ~~What~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~Northwest~~ ~~with~~ ~~Canada~~. I guess we don't mind if we break that.

Oregon has considered the losing many new visions for homeland Security & the war on terrorism. We thank they get us to come home to no job & no way to support ~~their~~ families.



Northwest F-15's over Mt. Hood

**The citizens
of the
Northwest
have not
forgotten.**

**STOP BRAC
NOW!**

*The Herald Ex proved how fast we
could have all our aircraft on alert
status during 9-11. We had all
aircraft FIVE within 15 hours. Other units
waited 24 to 48 hours*