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BRAC Commission

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi and Members of the Defense  
Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street ~ Suite 600  
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Re: Professional Development Education related to Defense Language Institute  
and Naval Postgraduate School

Dear Chairman Principi and Members of the Commission:

In close coordination with the City of Monterey, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors would like to offer several comments regarding the Commission's inquiry to Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld regarding Professional Development Education. We believe this inquiry is very worthwhile, and applaud the Commission for your interest in this matter. As a matter of fact, the City of Monterey had previously suggested to the Department of Defense realignment very similar to the one now being contemplated by the Commission.

With regard to the potential consolidation of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and Presidio of Monterey (POM) *installations* under common ownership in Monterey, this is something that our community has been on record as being advocates for since the 1993 BRAC round. We have long believed that the close proximity of NPS to POM, along with the fact that the City of Monterey surrounds each campus with its service organization, creates opportunities for better coordination of services, reduces redundant overhead, and takes advantage of substantial economies of scale.

The Commission may be aware that the community has made significant progress in this area. Since 1999, the City of Monterey has delivered a variety of municipal services to POM on a reimbursable basis, and an Army Audit Agency analysis confirmed that this arrangement has saved the Army 49% of its base operating dollars compared to the prior service system. This has saved the government millions of dollars each year, and these savings can grow through further coordination of services between NPS, POM, and adjacent municipalities and utility systems.

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Regarding the potential realignment of the NPS and Defense Language Institute (DLI) *missions* into a single command, we believe this idea has significant potential and merits further study. Whether it be a consolidated professional development education center (as the Commission's letter to Secretary Rumsfeld suggests) or a *National Security Research University* addressing DoD and other national interests, such an organization would benefit greatly from its proximity to the other world-class higher education and research activity in the greater Monterey area.

We would suggest that whatever organizational structure comes out of such potential realignment be designed to ensure that these critical national security and language research missions remain as responsive to the combatant commanders and curriculum sponsors as they are today. Any new organizational structure must also be allowed to continue to be responsive to the needs of the State Department in nation building and post-conflict reconstruction, and to the Department of Homeland Security.

With regard to the potential relocation of the Air Force Institute of Technology to Monterey, the local community has long avoided the temptation to recruit another community's mission to Monterey. As a result, we will refrain from advocating a position on this, one way or another. We will, however, assure the Commission that, if a decision is ultimately made to take this action, the local community will do its best to make this successful.

As a final aside, we are learning that the Navy's fiscal modeling pertaining to the Naval Postgraduate School severely over-estimates the cost to operate NPS, understates the student population served by NPS, and provides misleading information about the true savings to the government should the school be closed. In summary, the analysis would lead one to believe that NPS is far more expensive to operate than it really is. We understand that the City of Monterey will be submitting information about this to the Commission.

In closing, the Board of Supervisors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for its efforts and interest in Professional Development Education.

Sincerely,



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**Chair, County of Monterey Board of Supervisors**

cc The Honorable Sam Farr, Congressman  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Senator  
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Senator  
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