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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my strong support for implementing the Pentagon's recommendations on closing excess and unnecessary military bases. The defense establishment needs to reduce costs in order to make funds available for other more important needs in our country.

In particular, I urge you to close Fort Monmouth. I live close to Fort Monmouth and served there as an officer in the U.S. Army. I am well aware of the inefficiency of keeping Fort Monmouth open. And the site, in one of the prime areas of the country, is not suited to military use.

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Howard L. Chyatt  
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30 May 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

My 20 years of civil service as an engineer at Fort Monmouth has convinced me that *Team C4ISR Fort Monmouth* is an indispensable nerve center of the United States Army. I cannot think of another installation where so much engineering talent is concentrated to apply the research, development, engineering and acquisition disciplines so broadly and so comprehensively across the full spectrum of ground combat operations. The recommendation to relocate most of its talent to Maryland is simply untenable; most employees have personal ties to the New York – New Jersey area and will seek other local employment or retire. The upheaval that would ensue should Fort Monmouth close would visibly jeopardize support to a fighting force so dependent upon its technology and corporate expertise.

I urge the Commission to consider the true military value of Fort Monmouth with regards to three programs I have had the privilege of personally supporting. Joint Blue Force Situational Awareness has produced great advances in giving the warfighter the ability to see through the fog of battle. The CERDEC Homeland Security initiative provided responsive on-site support to the 9-11 rescue and recovery operation, and continues to leverage C4ISR research and technology in the prevention of future terrorist activities. Finally, the C4ISR network for the Army's Future Combat System is being engineered and integrated at Fort Monmouth. This latter program, I can assure you, is a challenge on the order of complexity of *a moon shot*. The science and engineering talent pool of the NY-NJ area is second to none and must be leveraged in support of these critical Army initiatives and many others too numerous to mention here. I urge you and the BRAC Commission to carefully examine these programs, and to do your utmost to avert a potential catastrophe for our national defense. Reconstructing Fort Monmouth on the banks of Chesapeake Bay will take *decades*, and not the 2-6 years targeted for physical transition. Thank you for your interest and for your dedication to this very noble cause.

Sincerely,  
  
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*I can not begin to explain what this decision will do to us. I am deeply concerned and worried about our future livelihood, our family, our property. I urge you to reconsider and remove Fort Monmouth, New Jersey off of the base closure list.*

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They stated that the workforce will relocate. The latest survey, in the local paper, stated that only 5% of the workforce will relocate. This area is suffering a major economic hit. AT&T, the major employer in the state of New Jersey, has announced another round of lay offs the end of this year. Compound this news with the fort closing the state will suffer its worst case of unemployment in years.

In their analysis they stated that Fort Monmouth is not expandable, this is also not true. Since the primary mission of the recommendation was to combine services, they did not look at the open land which resides next to Fort Monmouth, belonging to Earle Weapon Station. This land could be utilized to increase the research facility being utilized today. The fort works well and efficiently with the material provided to it. A great amount of technology was developed here because the fort utilizes the best tool it has, its workforces' experience and knowledge base. Both of these will be lost once the fort closes.

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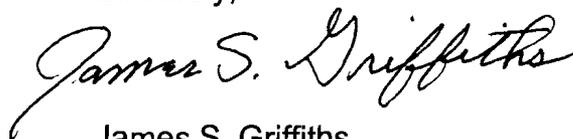
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Could LANL be closed and the mission successfully accomplished elsewhere? I'm sure your experience at Lawrence Livermore and Department of Energy would tell you that is not a viable proposition. The professional and skilled technical work force would not transfer in sufficient numbers to make that move even thinkable. Years of institutional and personal knowledge would be lost in such a move. I say that as an experienced manager who has faced similar issues with similar employees over the years.

The same conclusion for the same reasons can be drawn regarding closing Fort Monmouth – it just isn't appropriate to consider closing the installation if Defense is to continue R&D, testing, and acquisition at the current level of performance.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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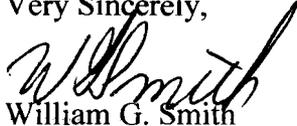
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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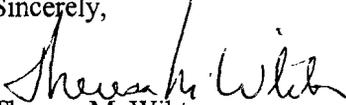
I am writing you regarding the BRAC decision to close Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. I believe you have made a terrible error in judgment. Fort Monmouth is the Army's center for research and development (R&D) in communications, electronics and network-centric warfare.

Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendation to close the Fort Monmouth will not only damage our national security and jeopardize the safety and effectiveness of the men and woman serving our country, but it will destroy the lives of thousands of individuals who support the mission by being employed at Fort Monmouth. The closing of the Fort will destroy hundreds of businesses in the local area and devastate most of Monmouth County. This devastation will take years to recover.

My brother-in-law, John Simpson is employed by CACI, Inc., as a Systems Engineer and is currently working on a Government Program involving Future Combat Systems. His grandfather and father were both military men as is his brother presently. He was honorably discharged from the military due to an unfortunate accident awhile ago and has been trying to find employment that actually puts him in touch with his military routes. He was so excited to have gotten a job offer with CACI, Inc. as he knew they handled a lot of government contracts working on projects involving U.S. military forces. He actually moved to Virginia, away from his wife and family for almost a year to take on employment with CACI, Inc. in hopes that down the line, he would get involved in a military project. His sacrifice paid off as he recently got transferred from Virginia back to Fort Monmouth in New Jersey to work on the Future Combat Systems project. He has been thrilled to be back home and working at a job he absolutely loves. Now he comes to find out that his excitement may be short-lived and that he might have to relocate and/or move away from family & friends if he wants to keep on working in his current "military-related" capacity due to the possibility of Fort Monmouth being on the chopping block. He takes pride in being a part of a highly educated and skilled workforce and truly feels that the human capital here in New Jersey will not transfer to other bases.

I urge you to reconsider and remove Fort Monmouth, New Jersey off of the base closure list on his behalf and my family's.

Sincerely,

  
Theresa M. Wiktor

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James H. Bilbray  
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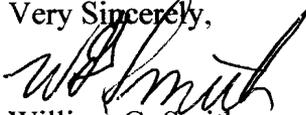
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May 22, 2005

From: Chris Buergin  
To: Members of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) committee  
Subject: Fort Monmouth, NJ

I am writing to you regarding the recent decision to include Fort Monmouth on the preliminary list of bases recommended for closure. Closing Fort Monmouth would be a grave mistake and have bad consequences to our soldiers and warfighters who rely on the technology produced here that insures their safety and gives them proven effective advantages in the ongoing war against terrorism.

Ft. Monmouth has a dedicated community of Civilians and Contractors holding high professional credentials, numerous patents (6 times more in communications electronics than any other state, except NY), and advanced degrees as Engineers and Scientists as well as logisticians. There exists a strong chemistry among these groups at Ft. Monmouth resulting from decades of partnering and teaming. This skilled, specialized expertise is not something that can be replaced or replicated elsewhere. There is no substitute for the decades of specialized technical and DoD related experience our workers have and that is also passed onto our newer workers. Many of our newer team members have advanced degrees or are actively pursuing them at present. The nearby colleges and universities such as NJ Institute of Technology, Steven's Institute of Technology, Rutgers Univ, Monmouth Univ, and Princeton have worked with the fort for decades and provide a wealth of training and involvement with the technological development that occurs here. Our newer workers are aggressive learners, and eager to be involved and contribute to the technological advancements and resulting products that our soldiers need and use. In my conversations with them, the majority of the workforce is not willing to relocate elsewhere. This is a serious and critical issue given that the soldiers rely now even more than ever on the technology that comes from the fort. An installation has to be effective in meeting its mission goals in order for it to be viable-Ft. Monmouth has proven that and exceeded beyond.

From a local economic perspective, our area was hit hard 5 years ago by the "dot com" bust and the downsizing at many high tech communications companies. There exist many highly educated, experienced individuals in our area eager to work at Ft. Monmouth, but unwilling to relocate because they have lived here for many years with strong family ties. Ft Monmouth is the "answer center" for the military's technical and communications needs. Whenever a communications problem or technical anomaly arises, we are there with the answers and solutions. Whenever an improvement to an existing hardware or software device is needed, we implement it in a timely manner. Without the Ft. Monmouth community's dedicated team of professionals, our men in uniform would not receive state-of-the-art communications, sensors equipment, robotic devices, etc. The result of this would be catastrophic to the soldier who relies on the technology developed here for DoD to circumvent and defeat enemy offensive maneuvers and more critically, saves lives. For example, as reported in a recent Monmouth Message news article, the

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I work in the Special Projects Office and we have been given kudos' from joint military high echelon for the past several years in the work we do for the soldiers. We developed the C4ISR On-The-Move Testbed which when General Shinsecki visited a few years back, was very impressed with our work and accomplishments. We have had numerous 3 star generals, 2 star generals, Admirals and other VIPs visit our testbed and commend us for the work we've done for the soldiers. We put in long hours and months of weekends trying to improve equipment for the soldiers. We are a hard working community with a goal to better our soldiers and keep them safe.

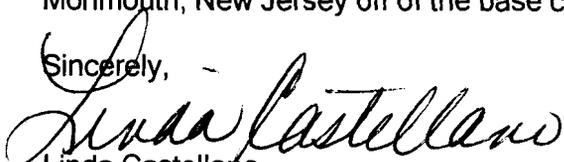
Your committee is reporting that there are approximately 5000 people who will be affected. This is not true. In the past several years, we have been required to reduce government personnel but have replaced their jobs with contractors. On paper, it looks like there are approximately 5000 people working here but in reality there are probably three to four times as many contractors with families and roots, who also support our local businesses. The closing of the Fort will destroy hundreds of businesses in the local area and devastate most of Monmouth County.

We already suffered from 9/11 in Monmouth County. Many of those who perished in the towers had families in Middletown, Lincroft, Red Bank, Eatontown and surrounding areas who are getting back on their feet financially. Now you are jeopardizing their livelihoods' again for the surviving spouses who are working in local businesses which are being threatened.

Closing Fort Monmouth will not only damage our national security and jeopardize the safety and effectiveness of the men and woman serving our country, but it will destroy the lives of thousands of individuals who support the mission by being employed here at Fort Monmouth.

I can not begin to explain what this decision will do to us. I am deeply concerned and worried about our future livelihood, our family, our property. I urge you to reconsider and remove Fort Monmouth, New Jersey off of the base closure list.

Sincerely,



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Base Closure & Realignment Commission  
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Subject: Fort Monmouth Base Closure

Dear BRAC Commission:

I am writing to recommend that Fort Monmouth be retained as a valuable Communications Research and Development facility for the Joint Warfighter. Fort Monmouth is a leader in integration of the four branches of the military in joint operations for R&D.

Closing Fort Monmouth would cost the Defense Department much more than it would save. It will damage our national security and jeopardize the safety and effectiveness of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces.

Fort Monmouth responded to an Urgent Material Release for Theater to provide a communications solution for the Matrix Anti-Personnel Land Mine Alternative for the Warfighters serving in our Armed Forces.

In addition, Fort Monmouth is providing valuable communications expertise in support of meeting the National Security Presidential Directive – 30 and the United States Policy for Landmines to replace persistent non self-destruct landmines by 2010. Closing Fort Monmouth will have a major impact on NSPD-30 and US Policy for Landmines.

The highly educated, highly skilled people who work at the Fort have unique, proven expertise that cannot be replaced by transferring their work elsewhere or by contracting out to private laboratories.

It will take generations to make up for the knowledge lost when only a fraction of the workforce actually relocates. Breaking up that team will lead to disruption in vital communications and intelligence support to field commanders and troops especially during wartime is an unacceptable risk that is entirely avoidable.

Fort Monmouth tests its communications technology at Fort Dix, NJ, which provides a test site to accomplish C4ISR and is close to McGuire Air Base to service our troops for Quick Reaction. It also reduces the total Armed Force vulnerability by not concentrating too much R&D in the Maryland area.

Fort Monmouth has long-standing and critical connections to our region's universities, research labs, and high-tech workforce. If this decision is not overturned by the BRAC Commission, it will take years, if not decades, for the Army's intelligence and communications Research, Development, Testing and Evaluations (RDT&E) capability to recover. Such an outcome is deeply worrisome during a global, unconventional and highly adaptive enemy.

Concerned Registered Voter

  
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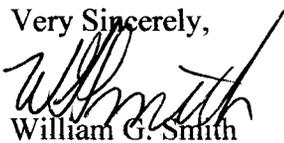
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Lieutenant General Claude M. Kicklighter, USA (Ret.)  
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Mr. Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman of Commission of Base Realignment and Closure  
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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Dear Mr. Principi:

Fort Monmouth should not be relocated from its current site in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The Fort is of great significance, both to the United States Military and to the surrounding community. If Fort Monmouth were to be relocated it would have adverse consequences on the State of New Jersey. Relocation would cost New Jersey thousands of military and civilian jobs directly and later would cost the state thousands more as the fort closing impacted surrounding fort-dependent businesses. The relocation would also come at great cost to the federal government. The relocation of Fort Monmouth would save the federal government approximately \$143 million in expenses, but it would cost around \$822 million to shift the fort's facilities and workforce effectively to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. The expense of relocating the facility is far greater than the savings gained by closing it in the first place. Fort Monmouth is, above all else, a research and development facility for new military technology. It has been said that the Monmouth facility, and the type of research it represents, is unnecessary after the end of the Cold War. But the United States military is more dependent on technology than it has ever been, and new technologies can save lives in America's modern wars. Another draw back to relocating Fort Monmouth is the loss of scientific talent and brain power. Although some of the workers at Fort Monmouth would

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Commissioners  
Defense Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)  
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RE: Fort Monmouth & US Army-Communications Electronic Command  
(CECOM)

Dear Commissioners:

I want to have Fort Monmouth (FM) removed from the BRAC list because the Base is essential in the preparedness and protection of our Country.

After my WWII Navy Service, the GI Bill put me through engineering school (I bless our Country for doing this for me, otherwise my parents and I could not afford it, since we were still recovering from the depression days).

I was hired at FM in year 1950 and worked there for 32 years as a civilian engineer and 10 more years to support the projects that were assigned to me. My experience there covered the Walkie-Talkies (AN/PRC-8,9 & 10), avionic electronics and others (I was in charge of production at that time and was working with R&D personnel and contractors). I remember traveling to the Blackhawk Project Manager's Office to assure him that all installed electronic equipment were already supported in the system. He then released the Blackhawk for production. I was also assigned to R&D Avionics Intelligence equipment and was involved in working with Navy and Air Force as a TRI-SERVICE project at FM. But this is not about me. It is about the work that is done at FM.

Engineers and Scientists are diligently working on SECRET projects and are advancing technology. Work in the past has included laser equipment and technology, satellite technology and many other projects. The work force here also work at supporting all the equipment in the field.

Most of the personnel will not transfer to other areas, why? The area around FM is on the Jersey Shore. There are many Beaches and Boardwalks near FM. We are also close to New York City and Philadelphia. That was what attracted many of the dedicated and talented persons to FM in the first place. Please keep this in mind so that you don't make the wrong decision.

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I met my wife, Edith, here at FM. She had previously worked for the Navy and DOD before transferring to FM. We have been married for almost 51 years and have a son who works at FM.

I have been appointed as the Department of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America as the Liaison to FM. I have arranged tours of FM through the Post Public Affairs Office. Over 20 veterans in the State come for the tours and they love it and always want to come back. We are taken to one of the R&D Labs and one of their test facilities and were given an overview of the work that is done there. We asked many questions, and the answers were given. The Lab is doing work to avoid friendly fire problems, laser technology, satellite work and other projects and that is only one of the laboratories. We were also taken to the Post Museum which was a terrific history of the equipment displayed there as well as the records of the technology that was developed at FM (such as RADAR).

You must take tours of FM and I believe that you will agree with my wife and me that FM must keep going to continue advancing our technology and support our Armed Forces. If you come to FM and want to talk to me, please write to me or call me at (732) 229-8724.

Thank you for your patience in reading this. I wish you the very best in your decisions.

When is enough enough, especially when we are supporting are military? Why are we harming them by closing needed bases?

Sincerely,

*Arthur Landberg*  
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Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to tell you why I believe Fort Monmouth must remain open and be provided the means to continue the vital work it conducts for some time to come. My conclusions are based on BRAC information made public by the Department of Defense, the US Army's web site and my own personal views.

It is widely accepted that the United States needs a strong military presence. Furthermore, our forces deserve nothing less than the best training, equipment, supplies and most importantly, the most advanced technology. The United States Government needs to provide for these military needs in the most cost effective and efficient means possible. Few would question this. For these reasons I generally agree with the need for the work your commission provides. As for Fort Monmouth, I feel that the Department of Defense was ill advised to include an installation that provides vital research and development of advanced technology for the Army on the BRAC list.

Fort Monmouth has a long history of providing communications, electronics and sensor R&D. The Fort served as the hub of all military communications during Desert Storm. Today, it is actively involved in research to detect roadside bombs, a tactic that is used by our enemies in Iraq. It also provides satellite communications to support our troops in the field. This information is a matter of public record. Undoubtedly there is a tremendous amount of classified work being done.

Some of the information provided in the BRAC report is confusing. Section 10, Part 2 of Volume 1 explains the recommendations for the consolidation of both Navy and Air Force C4ISR R&D from several locations to just a few, approximately 2 for each service. Yet no mention of C4ISR R&D for the Army is mentioned in this section, a section described as being devoted to this topic. This is clearly an omission. Fort Monmouth is the home of the Army's Team C4ISR. It seems quite apparent to me that it should have been at the top of the list for centralizing this activity.

This same section of the BRAC report illustrates the DoD's strategy of separating C4ISR R&D from Weapons and Armament R&D. Navy C4ISR is being centralized in

the Norfolk, VA area, generally, while Weapons and Armament R&D is being consolidated at China Lake, CA. The Air Force C4ISR R&D is being co-located at Hanscom AFB in Massachusetts and Edwards AFB in California. Air Force Weapons and Armament R&D is being relocated to Eglin AFB in Florida. Why is the Army's C4ISR R&D being uprooted from its current location and co-located with a Weapons and Armament R&D facility at the Aberdeen Proving ground in Maryland? A more understandable recommendation would have been to relocate the Fort Monmouth Team C4ISR at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, the Army's Electronic Proving Ground. At least the infrastructure to support this type of R&D already exists at this location, unlike at the Aberdeen Proving Ground where a significant investment is required to create it. An even better recommendation would be to leave the Army's C4ISR R&D right where it is at Fort Monmouth and have Fort Huachuca serve as a redundant location.

In some cases the recommendations made in the BRAC report make perfect sense. The closing of the New London Submarine Base and relocating it to Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA and the closing of the Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Kittery, ME and relocating it to several other naval shipyards is understandable. In these cases the facilities receiving the functions from the closed bases already have the military infrastructure to perform these duties. As previously mentioned moving Fort Monmouth's R&D facilities to Aberdeen Proving Ground requires a tremendous investment in technical infrastructure. This just does not make sense.

The Army's current management of Information Technology is a confusing amalgam of Commands, Centers, Program Executive Offices and Directorates scattered across a large number of sites. The Software Engineering Center alone is currently located at four Forts. The organization of the Center is generally divided between Battlespace Systems and Information Systems, in which I would include Logistics Systems. Currently the Battlespace Systems SEC is located at Fort Monmouth. The Information System SEC's are located at Fort Lee, Fort Belvoir and Fort Meade. Would it not make more sense to consolidate the Information Systems SEC's to one location, either Fort Lee, Fort Belvoir or Fort Meade and leave the Battlespace System SEC's at it's only location, Fort Monmouth?

Should the consolidation of the SEC's be considered by the BRAC Commission, I offer the following as an explanation of why Fort Monmouth is an excellent choice for the Battlespace Systems SEC. First, it already has much of the Battlespace Systems SEC. It is home for both the Advanced Battlespace Solutions Directorate and the Battle Systems Support Directorate. It is situated in fairly close proximity to several excellent universities, among them are Princeton, Rutgers, NJIT, Stevens Institute of Technology and Monmouth where all of Fort Monmouth's Software Engineering interns are enrolled in the Software Engineering Master of Science program. These universities all have excellent Computer Science programs and offer access to research by faculty members as well as educational opportunities.

Fort Monmouth also has many high-tech firms close by. Lucent Technologies, a leader in fiber optic and wireless communications as well as networking has a research

facility in Holmdel, NJ. AT&T has a research facility in Middletown, NJ. Telcordia Technologies, formerly Bellcore and a leading supplier of telecommunications software, is located in Piscataway, NJ. SAIC has recently partnered with Boeing to develop the Army's next generation C4ISR. The partnership has been granted a 10 year \$20 billion contract to act as the Lead System Integrator and develop the system. SAIC has an office in Red Bank, NJ only a short distance from Fort Monmouth. With such excellent academic and corporate resources close by should Fort Monmouth's Team C4ISR be moved to Aberdeen? Some other large defense contractors, such as L3 Communications and Lockheed Martin to name a few, have divisions and offices located in New Jersey.

I understand there were many variables that went into the decision making process used by the Department of Defense to compile the BRAC list. I know current site capacity and regional economic conditions played heavily in the process. However, military value is the most important, by law, as addressed by the DoD in Chapter 3, Part 1, Volume 1 of the BRAC report. By the nature of the work that is performed at Fort Monmouth, it is clearly of the utmost military value. In fact, it ranked 50 out of 97. This means 49 sites had higher value and 46 had lower. As reported in the local press at least one site with a significantly lower rating would remain open according to the DoD recommendations!

The benefits of Fort Monmouth to the local area have already been stated. The benefits to the entire country are even greater. The work conducted at the Fort is vital to the role the Army will play in defending the security of our great nation, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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Michael Tarullo  
Lead Software Engineer  
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*Dear Sir;*

*I am writing to you regarding the BRAC decision to close Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. I believe you are making a terrible error in judgment. Both my husband and I were born in New Jersey and are employed at Fort Monmouth. Fort Monmouth is the Army's center for research and development (R&D) in communications, electronics, and network-centric warfare. My husband has been with the government for the past twenty five years. I have worked for a DoD contractor in support of the government since 1983. We own a home in Monmouth County and our entire family resides in Monmouth County.*

*We are trying not to panic since hearing Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendation to close the Fort. Closing Fort Monmouth will not only damage our national security and jeopardize the safety and effectiveness of the men and women serving our country, but it will destroy the lives of thousands of individuals who support the mission by being employed here at Fort Monmouth. The closing of the Fort will destroy hundreds of businesses in the local area and devastate most of Monmouth county. This devastation will take years, if not decades to recover.*

*My husband and I take pride in being a part of a highly educated and skilled workforce. The human capital we have here in New Jersey will not transfer to other bases. The expertise of this workforce cannot be replaced if the Fort's assets are relocated outside of New Jersey.*

*I can not begin to explain what this decision will do to us. We are deeply concerned and worried about our future livelihood, our family, our property. I urge you to reconsider and remove Fort Monmouth, New Jersey off of the base closure list.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jacqueline M. Ebel*  
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President George W. Bush  
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Re.: Fort Monmouth, N.J.  
Base closure

Gentlemen:

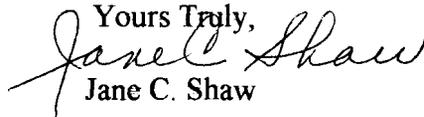
Closing Fort Monmouth is an extremely poor idea.

First: We are at war and I'm sure our troops require the very finest R&D that has consistently come from the labs and research at Fort Monmouth.

Second: The men and women are a highly educated and skilled workforce and will not be moved easily if at all. All the services will suffer.

Third: Fort Monmouth has a long standing and critical connection to our region's universities, research labs and high tech workforce. It will take years (if at all) for the army to recover its capability in intelligence and communication, research, development, testing and evaluation. (RDT&E).

Moving assets to various states is incompetent and illogical. It will cost more than you can gain, and as a taxpayer that truly annoys me.

Yours Truly,  
  
Jane C. Shaw

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Undersecretary for Installations  
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April 19, 2005

To whom this may concern;

Being a New Yorker I am concerned about the safety of our city in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Keeping Fort Hamilton open and active in the defense of our city is a wise choice.

Sincerely



Christopher La Varco

7/7/2005

08 June 2005

The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner  
BRAC Commissioner  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Skinner,

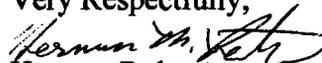
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent visit to NSWC Crane, CAAA and Southern Indiana. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process. I hope that your visit helped you to realize what important assets NSWC Crane and CAAA are to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. DOD is required to give priority consideration to installations that have a high military value ranking. Data available on the DOD website ([www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac)) leads me to conclude that NSWC Crane's military value rating was not taken into account properly, which is violation of BRAC law. Specifically, NSWC Crane has one of the highest military value ratings of all activities performing Electronic Warfare work, including a higher rating than NAS Whidbey Island and yet it is recommended that Electronic Warfare workload related to repair of the ALQ-99 system be re-aligned from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island.

The DOD is also required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. In reviewing the cost data that is available on the E-Library at the BRAC Commission website ([www.brac.gov](http://www.brac.gov)) I have come to the conclusion that the moving the ALQ-99 Electronic Warfare workload to NAS Whidbey Island does not result in any cost savings. It appears that all of the savings in this scenario are generated by re-aligning work within Whidbey Island and moving work from North Island, CA to Whidbey Island. In other words this scenario will save DOD even more money if the NSWC Crane portion is eliminated!

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Military Value and Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,

  
Herman Roberts

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Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, USAF (Ret)  
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Dear Sir:

The decision to close Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, an R&D center for communications, electronics and network-centric warfare is wrong. It would compromise our military effectiveness and the safety of our troops in the field particularly during an ongoing conflict.

It would take years to re-establish a similar research center someplace else. In the meantime our country would be weakened in the defense against terrorist attacks.

Furthermore, Fort Monmouth's location between New York (the financial center of our country) and Washington (the military command center) and the fact that Fort Monmouth is a leader in integrating the four branches of the military in joint operations makes this fort a critical component in the fight against terrorism.

For the sake of our brave military risking their lives for our country, RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION.

Very truly yours,

  
SIGRID E. NOWICKI

The realignment and closure of Fort Monmouth will be especially hard on all the disabled veterans and retired military and their dependents who use the excellent facilities of Patterson Army Health Clinic located there. There are thousands of those folks living around this area.

29 June 2005

**BRAC Commission**

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7/7/2005

Dear Commissioner Princippi

As you are aware, the Department of Defense is recommending that Fort Monmouth be closed in the current round of BRAC. Department of Defense seems to think that Fort Monmouth is limited in its research & testing capabilities and should be closed and mission relocated to a larger installation. The closing of Fort Monmouth would cost the Taxpayers millions of dollars. Moving to another location would cost millions more to relocate, rebuild the necessary office space and testing facilities that already exist at Fort Monmouth. It appears that DOD seems to feel that Fort Monmouth is too small to complete the R&D mission.

In the past, the BRAC commission agreed to the merger of Fort Dix, McGuire AFB & Lake Hurst NAE center into one large activity combining the resources of the three military services. If DOD feels Fort Monmouth is too small and limited in its research & testing capabilities, then why not consider a merger with Naval Weapons Station Earl?

If you exit the main gate of Fort Monmouth, it is only a four-minute drive to the back gate of Naval Weapons Station Earl. That gate leads to thousands of acres of unused ranges that NWS Earl does not use. This is acreage that could be used by Fort Monmouth for R&D. The Navy is concerned with the ammo storage facilities, the rail lines and the Navy pier. They have no use for the majority of the range areas.

Perhaps the BRAC commission should consider the following:

Let the Navy retain control of the Ammo Storage facilities, rail lines and the pier. Have the Navy turn over the range areas to Fort Monmouth for R&D. Have NWS Earle fire department come under the Fort Monmouth Fire Department. They would gain more manpower, more equipment, in case of an emergency. They would also gain use of the Fort Monmouth Fire Academy. Consider having the Dept. Of Defense Police at Fort Monmouth take over Law Enforcement activities at NWS Earle. Discontinue building of government quarters at NWS Earl & relocate military families to vacant Fort Monmouth Housing.

Fort Monmouth picks up the cost of Fire, Police & Housing from NWS Earl, Saving the Navy & DOD money. Fort Monmouth expands, gaining the land needed for R&D. DOD & taxpayers save millions by not closing Fort Monmouth, and millions more by not having to rebuild at another location.

Such a simple solution. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Matt Sharpless



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General James T. Hill  
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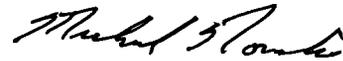
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