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WASHINGTON, DC

MEMORANDUM FOR AF/XOO

12 Dec '03

FROM: AF/CV

SUBJECT: Graduate Flight Training within BRAC 2005

I'm writing to you in your role as the AF/XO Senior Officer within the BRAC 2005 process. The Air Force position is that all fixed wing graduate flight training unique to the Air Force will be studied through the AF BRAC 2005 process. This position is consistent with that voiced by the Department of the Navy vis a vis Navy graduate flight training in their 12 Nov 03 memo to the USD (AT&L) (atch). Request you inform all Air Force members assigned to the Education & Training Joint Cross Service Group (JCSG) Subgroup of the Air Force position and keep the AF Ed & Tng JCSG Principal informed of the Air Force position.

This memo responds to direction requested at today's Infrastructure Steering Group meeting. Any questions can be addressed to Maj Gen Gary Heckman, AF/XP (BRAC). He can be reached at 697-2549.

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Attachment:
ASN(I&E) Memo, BRAC 2005 Guidance for the Education and Training (E&T) Joint Cross Service Group, 12 Nov 03

cc:
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12 November 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING GROUP

Subj: BRAC 2005 GUIDANCE FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (E&T) JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP (JCSG)

The attached letter concerning the inclusion of graduate level flight training in the E&T JCSG is forwarded for your review. As a member of the Infrastructure Steering Group, I most strongly support the position of leaving graduate level flight training under Services' BRAC review vice the E&T JCSG. I recommend that a meeting of the Infrastructure Executive Council be called to review this issue.

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Attachments:
(1) Memo for ASN (I&E), BRAC 2005 Guidance for E&T JCSG

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IN REPLY REFER TO
6 Nov 03

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)

Subj: BRAC 2005 GUIDANCE FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (E&T) JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP (JCSG)

REF: (a) USD(AT&L) memo of 14 Oct 03

1. In reference (a), USD(AT&L) determined that graduate flight training is a common service element and should be reviewed by the Education and Training Joint Cross Service Group (JCSG). We disagree with this determination and believe that service-specific/unique operations should be determined by the Services.

2. The Navy and Marine Corps' approach to graduate flight training is inextricably linked to the Naval Aviation's ability to initiate and sustain deployed operational assets. The collocation of graduate aviation training with operational assets provides the foundation of aviation warfare training and serves as the professional center of excellence for both aircrew and enlisted maintenance personnel for each aviation warfare community. Graduate flight training provides a local "schoolhouse" for each type of aircraft, fostering professional standardization and a sense of community. The operational presence of the fleet eliminates a training command mindset and validates the graduate flight-training curriculum. Collocation of graduate flight training assets with fleet squadrons provides immediate and daily access to the full resources of an aircraft community: senior leadership, guidance and policies, tactical development, weapons schools, and overall fleet experience. New aviators leave the graduate training curriculum and report to fleet squadrons with a core knowledge of local air station course rules, weapon ranges, and target procedures - all of which provide an increased margin of safety as new aviators refine newly learned warfare skills. Any increase in potential efficiencies at a consolidated graduate flight-training environment will be at the expense of sustaining Naval Aviation.

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3. Graduate flight training is clearly a Service responsibility and needs to be evaluated in the correct context to ensure the optimization of the solution. We believe that graduate flight training should be removed from the purview of the Education and Training JCSG and be reviewed under the Services' BRAC review. Considering reference (a), we recommend that graduate flight training be reviewed by the next Infrastructure Executive Council to ensure a consistent approach to this operational issue.

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