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Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure & Readiness Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Received

Dear Mr. Principi:

Enclosed is an unsigned copy of a letter from former Secretary of State, George Shultz, supporting the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Secretary Shultz' office assures me that he signed this letter addressed to the Secretary of the Navy.

I also understand that President George H.W. Bush sent a letter supporting NPS to either the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of the Navy.

These letters should become part of the permanent and public record. I'm not certain your commission has them.

Sincerely,

Henry H. Mauz, Jr.
Admiral, USN (Ret)

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The Honorable Gordon R. England
Secretary of the Navy
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Dear Secretary England,

As you may know, I live in the San Francisco area and am involved with higher education in a couple of different ways. My association with Stanford goes back many years, and I am closely associated with the Hoover Institution. I am also familiar with the fine work done by the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

I have heard that the Naval Postgraduate School may be on the chopping block in the upcoming round of base closures. If so, I would be very concerned. The school is the major provider of graduate education in most areas of direct concern to national security, like engineering, computer science, information technology, operations research, special operations and homeland security. All curricula have a direct tie to the operating forces. No other school, including Stanford, could reasonably replicate the what goes on at the Naval Postgraduate School.

But the aspect that troubles me the most is the impact that losing the Naval Postgraduate School would have on current and future foreign relations. As you know, there are over three hundred foreign students at the school, from over 60 nations. These countries send their best and brightest young officers, people who will rise to leadership positions in their respective countries. Those officers study shoulder to shoulder with their American counterparts, and they leave with lasting friendships which will benefit our country for generations to come.

The foreign countries send their students to Monterey precisely because of the school's close ties to our defense structure, because of the world class faculty, and because of the opportunity to study alongside US officers from all services.

The Naval Postgraduate School makes many other contributions to our foreign policy, ranging from providing education to leaders from Eastern Europe in the Partnership for Peace program to sending teams of faculty to emerging democracies (including Iraq) to help build democratic institutions.

I believe that the importance of the Naval Postgraduate School will grow significantly in the future. Closing the school would be throwing away a national asset that cannot be replicated elsewhere. I vote not only to keep it open but also to expand it's enrollment well beyond the 1600 students now in residence. From what I understand, it offers the most cost effective way to provide this truly world class education.

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