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

Dear Chairman Principi:

This is in response to the August 10, 2005 inquiry (JCS #62) from Mr. Frank Cirillo of your staff regarding Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Barstow, CA. Below are his questions along with our responses.

*MCLB Barstow identified 282 military positions before BRAC; after BRAC, there were 145 military positions, which amounts to a 51% reduction in military personnel. Only 4 out of 137 military positions were identified to transfer to a depot maintenance facility. What would happen to the remainder of the military personnel? Would the 51% reduction in military positions have any impact on the Marines "9-1-1" Emergency Response Force?*

Of the 133 military eliminations in the proposed MCLB Barstow realignment, 39 are actually medical and dental personnel (USN). The remaining eliminations are primarily USMC security personnel (MPs) some of whom will be replaced by contracted security in order to achieve desired efficiencies in view of the base's reduced mission. All military billet eliminations and transfers would be effected as efficiently as possible in order to minimize the impact on the service member and their families. It is important to remember that it is the billet that is eliminated, not the individual filling the billet. The proposed realignment of MCLB Barstow is expected to have no net effect on overall Marine Corps manning, and there will be no impact on the Marine Corps' capability for rapid worldwide response.

I trust this information is responsive to your requirements. If we can be of further assistance, or if you would like to meet with me staff to discuss further, please contact us via e-mail to [bracprocess@navy.mil](mailto:bracprocess@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Rathmell Davis".

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