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Mr. Bob Meyer
Director
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1401 Oak St.
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

I respectfully request a written response from the Department of Defense concerning the enclosed document:

X Base Closure & Realignment Commission question

DoN-19: Close Marine Corps Support Activity, Kansas City, MO. Relocate Marine Corps Reserve Support Command element of Mobilization Command to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, LA, and consolidate with Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserve. Retain an enclave for the 9th Marine Corps District and the 24th Marine Regiment.

The Marine Corps Support Activity went away April 2004 and was consolidated with the Marine Corps Support Command to become the Marine Corps Mobilization Command. What is the intent of this closure?

I would appreciate your response by July 13, 2005. Please provide a control number for this request and do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information concerning this request.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Cirillo
Director
Review & Analysis

Enclosures (5): Questions for the record to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Air Force and the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology).



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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

This is in response to the July 9, 2005 inquiry by Mr. Frank Cirillo of your staff concerning the recommended closure of Marine Corps Support Activity, Kansas City, MO.

Question: With respect to DoN-0019, close Marine Corps Support Activity, Kansas City, MO, the Marine Corps Support Activity went away April 2004 and was consolidated with the Marine Corps [Reserve] Support Command to become the Marine Corps Mobilization Command. What is the intent of this closure?

The recommendation relocates the portion of Marine Corps Mobilization Command (MOBCOM) that was formerly known as Marine Corps Reserve Support Command (MCRSC), which is the mission element of MOBCOM. The support element of MOBCOM, Marine Corps Support Activity, can be closed after the mission element, MCRSC, is relocated. The relocation of the MCRSC element joins it with its parent command, Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserve, at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans, establishes a more central location for management of widely dispersed Marine Corps reserve elements, and allows consolidation and better efficiencies of Marine Reserve management functions. The MCRSC mission element is currently the only geographically separated element of the Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES). The intent of the closure is to effect a consolidation with headquarters elements that will significantly increase interaction and operational efficiency as well as eliminate duplicative staff. Additionally, location of this consolidated headquarters at a joint reserve base will enhance joint service interoperability concepts.

I hope this information is helpful. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at 703-602-6500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Rathmell Davis".

Anne Rathmell Davis
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