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Mr. Bob Meyer
Director
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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-15: Close Naval Support Activity (NSA) New Orleans, LA.
DoN-19: Relocate the Marine Corps Reserve Support Command Element of Mobilization Command

Is the consolidation of Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserve and the Mobility Command Kansas City, MO at (a) Naval Support Activity New Orleans West Bank property and (b) the federal City Project an acceptable idea to embrace in meeting its mission or does it hinder the national defense?

I would appreciate your response by July 28, 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
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10 August 2005

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 25, 2005 inquiry from Mr. Frank Cirillo of your staff (JNB#4) regarding Naval Support Activity (NSA) New Orleans, LA.

Question: Is the consolidation of the Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserves and the Mobility Command [referred to in our recommendation and deliberative record as the Marine Corps Reserve Support Command element of Mobilization command] Kansas City, MO at (a) Naval Support Activity New Orleans West Bank property and (b) the Federal City Project an acceptable idea to embrace in meeting its mission or does it hinder the national defense?

In addition to the proposed recommendation to combine Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) and Marine Corps Reserve Support Command (MCRSC) at Naval Air Station (NAS), Joint Reserve Base (JRB), New Orleans, the Department of the Navy analyzed and considered alternate scenarios. One of the alternate scenarios would have consolidated these two activities onto the NSA property on the West Bank of the Mississippi River and closed the East Bank. Our analysis conducted on this realignment scenario indicated the return on investment was less beneficial than the recommended closure scenario. Specifically, NAS New Orleans was selected as the best receiver site because of the opportunity to reduce infrastructure footprint at two other locations. We also considered the synergies and other benefits arising from the consolidation of installation management requirements and the economies of scale gained that provide the greatest overall military value to the Department. Additionally, realigning the Marine Corps' Reserve Support element with its headquarters command will significantly increase interaction and operational efficiency while remaining within a geographically central location for enterprise-wide management of the Marine Corps Reserve.

It is Department of Navy's understanding that the proposed Federal City Project would be essentially the same as the navy's earlier candidate recommendation scenario to realign NSA onto the West Bank property, and close the East Bank property, but with several exceptions. The impact of this proposed project would undermine several streamlining initiatives. Specially, the proposal for the Federal City Project does not account for the realignment of the Naval Reserve Forces commands to NSA Norfolk, the

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Naval Reserve Personnel commands to NSA Mid-South, Millington, nor the Eighth Marine Corps District to NAS JRB Ft. Worth. These moves are important to the Department of Navy.

I trust this information satisfactorily addresses your concerns. If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Anne Rathmell Davis
Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy
For Base Realignment and Closure