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BRAC Commission (USAF)
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Dear Sir:

Given the recently published BRAC list, is there any additional information that can be released for the State of Missouri under the title of "Leased Space – MO?" This information is not needed for any other state. Our parent organization, the University of Missouri, is interested in submitting a proposal to assist displaced workers caused by the BRAC with employment opportunities but needs to be able to at least identify the metropolitan area and/or city impacted.

Any additional information that would help clarify this item would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Program Director

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Dear BRAC Commission,

As an American taxpayer who is concerned not only for the security of the United States but also for the financial condition of America, I have to wonder if the Defense Department took into account the financial costs associated with "acts of God"?

For example, moving military bases from the northeast to the southeast where hurricanes hit basically ever year. I was in the Navy over 25 years ago and I know there are various costs associated with "acts of God". Some of those costs that I am aware of are:

1. The added cost to move ships and aircraft out of harms way;
2. The added cost to prepare the bases themselves for the hurricane;
3. The added cost to repair the bases after a hurricane has hit;
4. The added cost to move the ships and aircraft back to the bases;
5. The added cost to FEMA and the American taxpayers to pay for the damages to the civilian and military employee's homes who work at those bases which would not have to be paid if those military bases were not in the southeast;
6. The above added costs year after year as hurricanes continue to hit the southeast.

Items 1, 2, and 4 are costs that would be hard to capture and would most likely only be an estimate. Item 3 might be a "line item" cost for the base that could be easily identified. Item 5 costs I believe could be gathered quite easily by contacting FEMA. FEMA should have a record of who was paid, how much they were paid, and where they worked. This is probably the largest cost of the above mentioned items and the one which I believe could be most easily overlooked. Item 6, while not happening to every base in the southeast every year, certainly reoccurs over time and is an added cost to the American taxpayers by having that base in the southeast.

This doesn't mean that we shouldn't have military bases where "acts of God" occur. Some military bases have significant military value by its location on the globe, regardless for example of whether it is in hurricane territory in the southeast or built on a fault line in California. The added burden costs to the American taxpayers for bases built in those areas are real costs that should be factored into any base's location equation.

It is hard for me to believe that moving the Navy bases from the northeast to the southeast is a cost saving measure for the American taxpayers. In the long run, it may even be financially advantageous to move military bases from the southeast to other parts of the country or globe, military value being equal.

I also believe that in today's world environment that having duplicity of bases on each coast along with some overlapping of coverage for those bases, even though more costly to the American taxpayers, gives the United States better security. Security for the American people is worth paying for. If the American taxpayers are not secure, our money won't be worth much no matter how much we have of it.

Thank you for you time and your service to our country,


Charles E. Brightman