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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: 4 August 2005

TIME: 1000 Hours

MEETING WITH: Representatives from the Oregon Delegation

SUBJECT: DOD Recommendation to Realign the Portland Airport Air Guard Station

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MEETING SUMMARY: Members of the BRAC Commission staff met with representatives of the Oregon delegation regarding the recommended realignment of Portland's International Airport Air Guard Station. Col Applegate was the primary spokesman for the group. As commander of the 142nd his focus was primarily on the realignment of 142nd Fighter Wing. He provided copies of his briefing document for the four commissioners who did not attend either the regional hearing at Portland or the base visit to the Portland Air Guard Station. Col Applegate stated that he really had no new data to present but since our base visit was in May and the regional hearing was in June he thought it was a good idea to refresh the Commission memory that the DOD recommendation to realign the Portland Air Guard station, if approved, compromises the security of the Pacific Northwest by failing to consider Homeland defense. The major points presented by Col Applegate are as follows.

- DOD recommended realignment is below pre-September 11, 2001 posture .Under the realignment recommendation Air Force will not be able to meet CONPLAN 3310-02 alert requirements with a two aircraft detachment.
- Homeland defense, the DOD stated number one priority, was not considered in BRAC's military value analysis.
- Realignment violates the US Code Title 10 and reduces manpower available to state governors for regional emergencies and homeland defense.
- Realigning the Portland Air Guard Station makes no economic sense. There are no real personnel savings since the net end strength of the Air National Guard will remain constant. The initial iteration presented to the Air Force Base Closure Executive Group excluded personnel savings and the projected payback was projected to be in excess of 100 years and annual savings of \$200,000.However, the iteration presented in the final report, including personnel savings, shows payback will be realized in only seven years with an annual savings of \$14 million.
- The Air Force BRAC criteria military value assessment criteria was partial to active duty bases and biased against ANG city basing. ANG was penalized for being cost effective, right-sized, and efficient.
- Recommends that existing F-15 force structure remain at the Portland ANG base so it can provide sufficient and appropriate air defense protection to the Northwest United States.

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