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SUBJECT: Basing Decision Constraints With-In BRAC 2005

In response to the changing global presence of our armed forces, there are initiatives at all levels of the Department of Defense to transform forces both overseas and in the CONUS. Throughout these discussions, it is imperative that we remain sensitive that the BRAC 2005 law (10 USC §2687) was enacted to establish an orderly and impartial decision process as this process relates to installations within CONUS, the District of Columbia, and US territories and possessions. I ask each of you to scrupulously ensure your actions and conversations regarding potential basing initiatives are, in fact and in appearance, consistent with the purpose and intent of this law. While the BRAC process does not occur in isolation, direct or indirect references to BRAC implications and potential repercussions in any communication should be avoided.

AFI 10-503, Base Unit Beddown Program provides guidance on beddowns to include the requisite approval levels. Headquarters Air Force approval or concurrence with any proposed force structure moves, new mission beddowns, pursuit of limited transformational proofs-of - concepts/pilots, and any associated construction, does not in any manner insulate or affect an installation from receiving impartial, full, and fair consideration for closure and realignment under BRAC 2005. Ongoing mission-related military construction and weapon system beddown processes that are crucial and urgent to mission capability are assessed on their merits; they are not a means to, nor will they, "BRAC-proof" installations.

Accordingly, beddown proponents should be candidly and fully apprised that subsequent Air Force and BRAC recommendations could severely impact their plans. As such I request that you support of the actions required by BRAC 2005 in a fair and unbiased manner and not that you avoid actions that could potentially be considered an attempt to "BRAC-proof" an installation. With the advent of the public release of BRAC Draft Selection Criteria by OSD later this month, I expect we will experience a significant increase in questions about the AF BRAC process. Please refer any of these questions to SAF/IEB.

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