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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: 14 July 2005

TIME: 11:00

MEETING WITH: Representatives of Fayetteville/Pope Air Force Base

SUBJECT: Recommended realignment of Pope Air Force Base

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Guests:

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MEETING SUMMARY: Members of the BRAC Commission staff met with representatives of the Fayetteville community to discuss their concerns regarding the recommended realignment of Pope Air Force Base. In general, they were supportive of the recommendation to relocate Forces Command (FORSCOM) and Army Reserve Command to Pope/Fort Bragg, they were surprised at the recommendation to realign Pope Air Force Base. It did not seem to make sense to them that the Air Force would realign Pope AFB, while the Army was adding a fourth Brigade Combat Team to

the 82nd Airborne. They believe having a Wing at Pope is invaluable in that it allows the planning staffs to work together on a continuous basis. If the Wing is disestablished, they feel that response times will be delayed because the command, control, and planning components will no longer be available for training and operational purposes. Although the DOD recommendations state that the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron will remain in place, they do not do execution planning.

The community representatives continued with their concern that there had been a “disconnect” between the Army and the Air Force in the BRAC process and that there is no way to rectify the situation. According to them, this recommendation is counter to the joint operations concept intended by BRAC. The Joint Services discussion was moving towards enhancing platform projection from Pope Air Force Base. It appeared to them that the Army was operating under the concept that the Air Force would maintain the base whereas the Air Force had no intention of maintaining joint base. They indicated that the Army would not be able to maintain the base to Air Force standards.

Finally, they stated their belief that the quantitative model underestimated the military value of Pope Air Force Base. To support their contention, they indicated that the value for quantifying ramp space may provide too low of an MCI value for Pope Air Force. They stated that the airfield is entirely capable of supporting all missions and that the Army Green Ramp alone and hold 20 C-17Js at any one time. They maintained that was enough to support one Army Brigade.

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