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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: July 20, 2005

TIME: 10 AM

MEETING WITH: Atlanta, GA Representatives and the Georgia Congressional Delegation Staff

SUBJECT: Community Comments

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MEETING SUMMARY:

A discussion was held regarding the top three reasons why NAS Atlanta should not be closed. The community provided several documents regarding comparative reserve demographics in the Atlanta area, New Orleans, LA, Fort Worth, TX and Macon, GA; a map of NAS Atlanta; the written statement of Major General Larry Taylor who also provided similar testimony at the Atlanta Regional Hearing and an email from Maj Gen Taylor that included a congratulatory personal note from LtGen Gregson (Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific) to the CO of HMLA-773.

The three key points that were made were:

1. The Navy and Marine Corps Reserve demographics are better in the Atlanta area at than any of the DoD BRAC Recommended proposed realignment sites.

2. The stated savings for DoD will not be realized by the proposed BRAC realignment, because the U.S. Air Force will likely re-acquire the abandoned Navy facilities (ramps, hangars and admin/personnel buildings).
3. Moving combat ready reserve units to new locations will result in a significant reduction combat readiness for an unspecified period of time.

Copies of all documents provided have been forwarded to the BRAC Commission library for inclusion in the public record.