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Subject: COBRA JPAT Meeting (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

The COBRA JPAT held a meeting on 10 FEB 05 to discuss quality control and future steps.

1. Attendance

a. The following members attended the meeting:

Teena Propst	JCSG Industrial
Omer Alper	DoN IAT
Ron Nickel	DoN IAT
Colin Sullivan	JCSG Intel
Dave Calderwood	JCSG Industrial
Chris Sosa	DoN IAT
Arthur Levesque	R&K
James Melone	JCSG Tech
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Alex Yellin	OSD
Frank Sosa	Air Force BRAC
John Desiderio	OSD
Joe Meconnahey	JCSG S&S
Karrie Fristoe	JCSG Medical
Patrick Chapin	JCSG H&SA

b. The following were at the meeting as observers:

Andrea Beck	AAA
Donna Horvath	AAA
Tom Mahalek	GAO

c. The following groups did not send a representative:

JCSG E&T

2. General Session

a. The next JPAT meeting will be called on an as needed basis.

- b. **COBRA Footnotes.** MAJ Smith emphasized the importance of footnoting all data entered into COBRA
- 1) John Desiderio asked all groups to include a scenario description in the Screen One Footnote. This description will appear in the summary report and will help clarify the scenario to another analyst.
 - 2) MAJ Smith also emphasized footnoting all costs entered into Screen Five and using footnotes to list units moved in Screen Three.
 - 3) The footnote should define the value and from what certified data or model it came from.
- c. **Cumulative Impacts.** MAJ Smith brought up the effects of cumulative impacts on installations involved in the Candidate Recommendations.
- 1) Installations that have more than one realignment action coming into or leaving the installation from different Candidate Recommendations need to be re-analyzed to include all scenarios that "touch" the installation.
 - 2) This analysis prevents two scenarios from using the same available excess or building unnecessary MILCON and resolves any non-linear models without a constant rate of change. MILCON requirements are often generated using step functions and models without a constant rate of change cannot be simply added together to determine the overall requirement.
 - 3) The JPAT agreed that the Services and OSD will have to develop a method to determine cumulative effects. The Air Force requested a more thorough description of the method proposed by the Army. The JPAT felt the issue should be elevated to the DAS level.
- d. **Way Ahead.** John Desiderio stressed that all Services must maintain the integrity of the final COBRA runs. These runs will be used in the future as a base line to compare against the real costs and savings associated with BRAC. AAR's have indicated that DoD has not adequately tracked the costs and savings associated with BRAC, so DoD is planning to develop a plan to accurately determine all costs and savings during implementation.

3. Old Due Outs

None

4. New Due Outs

The Army was asked to provide a more detailed explanation of how to determine cumulative effects.

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