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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: MEETING WITH WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY DELEGATION

Encl: (1) Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division Undated Description Memo
(2) Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County Informational Brochure
(3) Membership of Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County

1. Mr. H. T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment (ASN (I&E)), met with John Wyatt of the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County at 1120 in Room 4E523 at the Pentagon on 12 May 2004. LCDR Charles R. Reuning, USN, OLA; and Captain James A. Noel, USMC, IAT Recorder, were present as well. Mr. Wyatt had also met with Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Ca) and Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA 41st).

2. Mr. Wyatt discussed the importance of March Air Reserve Base, pointing out that 75,000 Marines have used March Air Reserve Base as a point of embarkation for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Wyatt also highlighted the focus on joint activities at the base, pointing out that Department of the Army, Department of the Navy and Department of the Air Force Reserves are consolidated in joint facilities at the base. He also indicated that Congressman Lewis is working to find funding for the proposed widening of taxiways from fifty feet to seventy-five feet. Mr. Wyatt also highlighted the importance of maintaining the intellectual capital at the base, and stated that a joint systems command using the DON model could be a significant benefit to DoD.

3. Mr. Johnson highlighted the transformational imperative of this BRAC round, explaining that the BRAC process will comport with law and statute. He described the process as a simple matter of giving primacy to the 20 year Force Structure Plan (FSP), establishing the inventory required to support the FSP, determining the current inventory, and reducing the excess. Mr. Johnson emphasized that there are no preconceived lists of bases for closure or realignment. He stated the DoN policy of collecting detailed, certified data, to allow for decisions based solely on the selection criteria that treats all bases equally. Mr. Johnson further stated that DoN will listen to the community and keep any information received; however, community information will not be included as part of the certified data for decision-making.

4. The meeting concluded at 1145.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Noel".

J. A. NOEL
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Recorder, IAT

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Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division

BACKGROUND

The Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona Division has been in the independent analysis and assessment role since the mid 1950's, when the Navy was experiencing unsettling and dangerous performance, quality and reliability problems with its new guided missile and torpedo systems. NSWC Corona was born out of conflicts within the design agents due to reluctance to publish technical reports containing adverse information relative to performance problems. Accordingly, Navy leaders recognized the need to establish an independent organization focused on providing a rigorous "cradle to grave" assessment of all Navy systems. Corona's role of independent assessment is more than a single event in time, but rather an integrated and interdependent framework of engineering disciplines, involved throughout the program life-cycle, which encompass measures of Fleet Readiness, feedback and corrective action from operational testing, the application of Best Manufacturing Practices to improve product integrity, application of measurement science principles, and design of instrumentation systems for data collection. The NSWC Corona Mission is to serve the Navy as its Independent Assessment Agent "To gauge the war-fighting capability of ships and aircraft, from unit to battle group level by assessing the suitability of design, the performance of equipment and weapons, and the adequacy of training." (Ref: OPNAVNOTE 5450 dated 14 Sep 93)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider the high military value of NSWC Corona mission as a site for future joint programs. In particular, consider consolidation of all Services tactical aircrew training systems instrumentation engineering management under NSWC Corona, utilizing existing Corona outsourcing model.
- Consolidate and establish a single DOD activity with a charter for independent assessment at NSWC, Corona.

EXISTING CAPABILITIES

Performance Assessment - Assesses Weapons and Combat Systems performance using consistent, government-controlled evaluation criteria, procedures, techniques, and analysis methodology to gauge success. Provides an objective determination of war-fighting capability of unit, joint, and combined forces.

Quality & Readiness Assessment - Provides the government's technical assessment of material readiness, requirements, products and processes for Weapons and Combat Systems during all life-cycle phases to improve quality, reliability, performance, and Fleet Readiness.

Measurement & Test Assessment - Serves as the Navy technical authority for metrology programs. Evaluates system interface requirements, test requirements, and processes to assure interchangeability of interfaces, measurement effectiveness, test system certification and government acceptance.

Range Instrumentation Engineering Management - Provides government oversight and contract management for acquisition, systems engineering, and life-cycle support for range instrumentation and telecommunication systems for the test and training range communities.