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MEMORANDUM

Subj: 8 JULY 2004 MEETING WITH VENTURA COUNTY (CAL) ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (VCDEA) AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ref: (a) BRAC 2005 Handout

1. Mr. H.T. Johnson, ASN (I&E) met with 10 members of VCDEA and city council in the Navy OLA Conference Room at the Pentagon at 0830 on 8 Jul 2004. Commander Robert. E. Vincent II, JAGC, USN, IAT Recorder was also present.

2. Mr. Johnson provided a copy of reference (a) to the attendees. He informed them that the Navy would carefully follow applicable BRAC law. He stressed the fact that he cannot tell any community that a base is secure and that there is not a "list" of bases to close or realign. Mr. Johnson explained that the BRAC 2005 law requires a super majority vote of the BRAC Commission (7 votes) in order for the Commission to add an installation for consideration.

3. He noted the capacity, supplemental capacity, and military value data calls and explained that that the Military Departments would continue to collect data until 2 Nov 2004. He explained the role and function of the 7 JCSGs. He explained that military judgment was critical factor in the BRAC process as well as certified data. Finally, Mr. Johnson provided a brief explanation of the Optimization Model. He informed the attendees that the model would array scenarios and the deliberative bodies will assess the scenarios and apply military judgment in order to make recommendations.

4. The attendees posed a series of questions to Mr. Johnson. In response, he noted that political influence does not affect the BRAC process. Additionally, an installation is not immune from BRAC by virtue of the fact that it possesses a "unique" function.

5. Mr. Johnson explained that OSD requested the Services to provide Principle, Imperatives, and Transformational Options. Although community support is not stated Principle, he opined

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that it is an important factor. He noted that homeland defense was a part of one of the selection criteria. In responding to specific questions reduction of forces and bases overseas, he suggested that these actions would not affect BRAC, especially within DON.

6. Finally, Mr. Johnson assured the attendees that the seven JCSGs would be communicating with each other and the Services.

7. The meeting concluded at 0910.



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