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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: MEETING WITH NAVAL STATION EVERETT MISSION

- Encl: (1) Naval Station Everett Mission Participant List
(2) Mr. Ray Stevenson; Mr. Aaron Reardon; Mr. Dennis Kendall ltr of January 18, 2005
(3) BRAC 2005, Naval Station Everett, Community Assessment prepared Jan 2005
(4) Economic Impact of Naval Station Everett on Snohomish County, by BST Associates, Nov 2004

1. The Honorable Wayne Army, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), met at 1003 on 8 February 2005 with a delegation from Snohomish County, Washington, and communities within Snohomish County who are concerned with possible BRAC action on Naval Station Everett, WA. The meeting occurred in Room 4E415 of the Pentagon. Attending for the NAVSTA Everett Mission were: Mr. Ray Stevenson, Mayor, City of Everett, WA; Mr. Aaron G. Reardon, Executive, Snohomish County, WA; Mr. Dennis Kendall, Mayor, City of Marysville, WA; Ms. Marian Krell, President, Everett City Council; Mr. Arlan Hatloe, Vice President, Everett City Council; Mr. Jim Shaffer, President, Port of Everett Commission; Mr. Paul Roberts, Director, Marysville Department of Public Works, and Member, Everett School Board; Mr. John Mohr, Executive Director, Port of Everett; Mr. Steve Gilmore, The Boeing Company, Board Chair, Everett Area Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Louise Stanton Masten, President, Everett Area Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Douglas Roulstone, President, Everett Council, Navy League; Mr. Pat McClain, Director of Governmental Affairs, City of Everett; RADM (Ret.) Jim Seely, USN; and Ms. Menda Fife, McBee Strategic Consulting. In addition, CDR Mark Hochberg, USN, OLA; and LCDR Vincent J. Moore, JAGC, USNR, ODASN (IS&A) were also present.

2. Mr. Hatloe made opening remarks, thanking the Assistant Secretary for welcoming the delegation. Mr. Reardon then discussed the favorable governmental environment in Washington state, noting that calls from Everett-area officials had led to the defeat of state legislation that was not favorable to the Navy. He also stated that Washington's new governor, the Hon. Christine Gregoire, had a record of supporting the Navy's

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she was in the Attorney-General's office. Mr. Kendell stated that Governor Gregoire would soon make a visit to Washington, DC, and would be interested in discussing BRAC matters with Navy officials. He stated that the focus of his city was on quality of life for Navy personnel and that all of the communities around the Naval Station considered the Navy to be part of the community. He noted that Marysville had annexed the second NAVSTA Everett PPV project and was working on incorporating the third.

3. Mr. Hatloe provided enclosures (3) and (4) for consideration. He stated that Naval Station Everett is in an excellent location for rapid deployment of Naval vessels into the Pacific, and that the installation has room for growth and accommodation of other services (e.g., U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA). He noted that the Port of Everett has a history of providing excellent support to the Navy. He stated that the port has excellent rail access, additional room to berth ships, including another carrier if need be, and has ideal physical characteristics, including easy access to deep water, little wave action, and almost no silt buildup after dredging. Mr. Rodgers reiterated the comments concerning deep water, noting that deep-water access and airspace access, as assets that cannot be reconstituted, are readily available in the Puget Sound area. He stated that Everett has the best deep-water access in the nation, making the port available to any class of ship, as ships are in deep water almost immediately upon leaving the Port. Tidal action and dredging requirements are not negative factors. He stated that Everett had excellent IT infrastructure to back up its other attributes and that the Navy would not be able to find better or more economic berthing.

4. Mr. Roulstone stated that as a former carrier CO he had experience with a number of ports and considered Everett highly favorable for carrier operations. He noted the numerous synergies for training that are or could be developed in the area with access to ranges, offshore training areas, and other services in the Northwest. He stated that a carrier air wing can be on-loaded at the pier in Everett. Mr. Reardon noted excellent community support in Everett, citing existing arrangements with public safety, medical, and transit providers. He stated that quality of life is very strong in the Everett area, with good access to excellent housing, schools, medical facilities, and employment for family members. He pointed out the huge welcome for the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) when it recently returned from deployment and the large turnout for the Naval Station's 10th anniversary celebration as examples of strong community support. Mr. Shaffer noted the contribution by the Port of Everett of wharf space and other facilities for Navy

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shipboard maintenance as additional examples of community support.

5. Mr. Arny thanked the delegation for its presentation and assured the members that their materials would be submitted to Navy officials concerned with BRAC analysis. The Assistant Secretary advised the group that recommendations for closure or realignment had not yet been developed. He also noted that some installations and regions would gain activities from the BRAC process. The Assistant Secretary highlighted the transformational objectives of this BRAC round, explaining that the BRAC process will comport with law and statute. He described the process as a matter of focusing on the 20 year Force Structure Plan (FSP), establishing the inventory required to support the FSP, determining current inventory, and reducing excess capacity. The Assistant Secretary emphasized that there are no preconceived lists of bases for closure or realignment. He stated DON policy of collecting detailed, certified data, to allow for decisions based solely on the selection criteria that treats all bases equally. The Assistant Secretary advised them that the Navy will consider community input and retain any information received; however, community information is not included as part of the certified data for decision-making.

6. The meeting concluded at 1047.

VINCENT J. MOORE
LCDR, JAGC, USNR
Recorder, IAT

TAB 1

Participants
Naval Station Everett Mission
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Everett School Board member/Marysville Public Works Director Paul Roberts
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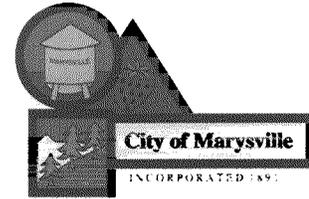
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TAB 2



January 18, 2005

The Honorable Wayne Army
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
for Installations and Environment (ASN (I&E))
1000 Navy Pentagon
Room 4E523
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Re: Naval Station Everett

Dear Secretary Army:

The enclosed Community Assessment of Naval Station Everett (NSE) addresses the military value of NSE to the nation in terms of strategic location, facilities, environmental superiority, cost effectiveness, joint training opportunities, expansion capabilities, quality of life and the support infrastructure of the community. This Assessment was produced by the City of Everett and Snohomish County, Washington for review by the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy, and the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The 1993 Base Realignment and Closure Commission specifically examined the Naval Station Everett and determined that Everett presented a superior location for a nuclear carrier. The natural deep-water port provides the fastest deep-water access and egress for carriers, combatant ships and support ships.

Naval Station Everett, a key provider of U.S. seapower, force projection, and readiness, is a valuable asset to our nation's security. NSE is a West Coast carrier homeport fully ready and capable of joint service operations and training. The unique mix of operational and training environments at Naval Station Everett responds precisely to the demands set forth in the Force Structure Plan. NSE can respond to future needs and threats while minimizing near-term operational risks.

As 'The Sailor's Choice,' Naval Station Everett partners with the City of Everett, Snohomish County and the City of Marysville to provide a superior quality of life to Navy personnel and their families.

We hope that the enclosed community response to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission criteria is valuable to you. Please call on us for additional response, comment or reaction to Navy, DoD or BRAC concerns, issues or initiatives regarding Naval Station Everett, 'The Sailor's Choice.'

Sincerely,


Ray Stephanson, Mayor
City of Everett


Aaron Reardon, County Executive
Snohomish County


Dennis Kendall, Mayor
City of Marysville

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