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Anthony Principi
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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi,

First, allow us to thank you for your work on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. The task before you and the commission is an important and arduous one. Your willingness to serve our nation in this capacity is appreciated.

We believe that the Defense Secretary's recommendations largely recognize the important military assets we have in the Northwest. The combination of our distinctive geography, unique military assets and dedicated servicemen and servicewomen, position the Pacific Northwest well in the critical protection of our homeland.

However, we are concerned about the proposed realignment of important Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve assets away from the Pacific Northwest. The Department of Defense has recommended the realignment of all 15 F-15 fighters of the 142nd Air National Guard (ANG) fighter wing based at Portland International Airport (PDX). Additionally, the Pentagon has recommend the realignment of 8 tankers of the 939th Air Force Reserve refueling wing based at PDX and all eight of the tankers assigned to the 141st ANG wing at Fairchild Air Force Base.

These realignments overlook the critical role these air assets play in ensuring the security of the Pacific Northwest and our nation. For more than three days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the fighters of the 142nd ANG wing provided 24-hour air patrols over population centers, major military bases, and other high value targets across a three state region. The patrols helped protect our citizens and provided invaluable security in the very uncertain hours after the terrorist attacks on our nation. The nation continues to require a comparable level of responsiveness to counter potential threats to its Northwest region.

If implemented, the Secretary's recommendations would greatly limit this homeland security capability for our nation. While the Secretary's recommendations would maintain the alert component at PDX through the rotation of fighters from distant bases -- no fighters would be permanently based in Portland. In the midst of another attack on our homeland, fighters would have to be quickly scrambled from more distant bases, possibly

compromising the security of major population centers and other high value targets along America's west coast.

We also are concerned about the proposed realignment of eight ANG air refueling tankers assigned to the 141st ANG wing at Fairchild Air Force Base and eight additional tankers assigned to the 939th Air Force Reserve Wing at PDX. Air refueling tankers are vital assets in the rapid projection of forces around the world and have played critical roles in past and present military operations. If implemented, the number of active duty, guard, and reserve air refueling tankers in the Northwest will have been reduced by more than 50 percent since the terrorist attacks of September 11th. These reductions will strain force projection capabilities, limit Air National Guard training capacity, increase the average time to run sorties throughout the Pacific Rim, and will reduce available air refueling capabilities.

In addition to compromising our Homeland Security, the proposed realignments would reduce the important connectivity of the Air National Guard to the citizens and communities of each state. Currently, each of the 50 States have a unit equipped Air National Guard Wing within their borders. Implementing the Department of Defense's proposed plan would leave seven states, including three western states, without a unit equipped ANG flying unit. Enactment of this plan would have the unintended consequences of reducing the historic and philosophical connectivity of the National Guard to the citizens of affected States and would also reduce the emergency response capabilities currently available to Governors.

With these issues in mind, we respectfully request that you carefully examine the realignment of these air assets, in light of their recent critical role in meeting emerging security requirements. Like the Commission, we want to ensure that our nation is well positioned to protect itself from threats, both foreign and domestic. Our military assets in the Northwest remain well positioned to protect the homeland and to help ensure the national security of the United States. We hope to work with you to implement the current base realignment and closure round to ensure the improved security of our great nation.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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and Closure Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your dedicated service on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), and for this opportunity to provide input on behalf of the citizens of the state of Washington. I have carefully reviewed the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense for this round of proposed base realignment and generally support the Secretary's overall recommendations. I do, however, have two serious concerns about the impact these proposals will have upon our Air National Guard and our national defense.

The first concern has to do with the removal of unit-equipped KC-135 aircraft from Washington's 141st Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base and the proposed elimination of unit-equipped aircraft from other Air National Guard units in a significant number of other states and territories. Such actions would substantially diminish our capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other catastrophic domestic emergencies. Removing the unit-equipped KC-135 aircraft would eliminate my ability to employ them – at state expense – to move quick reaction forces for the protection of citizens and critical infrastructure or to rapidly transport personnel and supplies to where they are most needed during a man-made or natural disaster.

My second concern is the Air Force's plan to dramatically reduce primary assigned air defense fighter aircraft in the Pacific Northwest. Specifically, it would remove permanently stationed air sovereignty alert fighter aircraft at Portland International Airport and sixteen KC-135R Air Refueling aircraft from Fairchild AFB and Portland. If enacted, these actions would substantially diminish the air defense of the state of Washington and all surrounding states vis-à-vis the capabilities that existed on September 11, 2001. At that time, 15 permanently assigned air sovereignty F-15s were stationed at Portland and 58 permanently assigned KC-135R refueling aircraft were stationed at Fairchild AFB. Nearly all of these aircraft were brought to an immediate response posture to protect Washington and the other Northwest states during this national emergency. As you are aware, the 9-11 Commission investigation found that terrorists had planned as many as ten aerial attack missions that day, including several West Coast targets. During this national emergency, the permanently assigned fighter interceptor and air refueling aircraft currently on the cutting board provided airborne protection to Washington's nuclear

facilities, dams, cities, ports, and other critical facilities in a very short period of time. If the Air Force's BRAC recommendations are approved, our protection from air assault would be less than half of what it was when we were attacked on September 11th. It certainly would degrade our state's ability to surge to a higher state of alert and to sustain air sovereignty operations for the duration of an elevated threat period.

I appreciate your careful consideration of the issues raised in this letter. These concerns also have been expressed by members of our congressional delegation and others who have submitted formal input for the record, and by our Adjutant General Timothy Lowenberg. They also will be reiterated by Major General Frank Scoggins in his oral and written testimony to the Commission at its regional hearing on June 17.

The people of Washington are justifiably proud of our state's role in contributing to the national defense and acknowledge our shared role in effecting homeland security. Our State is uniquely qualified for this task. Washington's diverse geography makes it ideally suited for the advanced training and basing of our nation's military services. Our location makes us an essential power project projection platform from which to assure America's influence throughout the world, especially throughout the Pacific Rim. We have a vibrant economic infrastructure, a highly educated work force, and patriotic state and community leaders dedicated to ensuring the success of our country's military missions, now and well into the next century. As one indication of local support for our Armed Forces, the Washington State Legislature has adopted land use laws and other legislation designed to assure strong support for our military installations and for the military members, civilian employees, and dependents who live, work, and raise their families in our state. We stand ready to do even more.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues and for your selfless service in undertaking the responsibility you bear as a member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire

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Governor

WASHINGTON STATE BRAC TESTIMONY

June 17, 2005
Portland, OR

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in order to offer inputs regarding the impact of the BRAC plan for the State of Washington. My name is Frank Scoggins and I am appearing in front of you today in my state capacity as the Assistant Adjutant General/Washington Air National Guard. In my prepared remarks, I am representing the assessments and concerns of Governor Gregoire and The Adjutant General, MGen Timothy Lowenberg, as well as my own. The Governor is on a Trade Mission in Europe or she would be here in person. I am submitting a letter to your Commission on her behalf. MGen Lowenberg was also unable to attend today, but he sends his appreciation for your time.

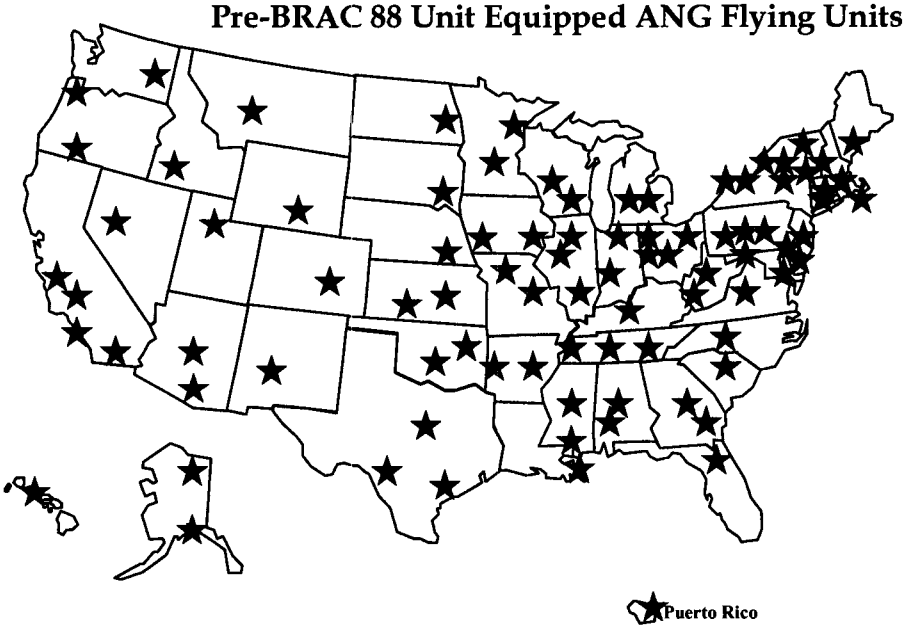
Let me begin by stating that the Governor fully embraces the majority of the recommendations of the BRAC proposal as it relates to Washington State. The Army and Navy processes approaching the release of BRAC were as collaborative as allowable and there were no significant surprises. The results of their recommendations will allow the citizens, industries, and governments of Washington to continue to strongly support the nation's defense requirements. Even more importantly, there are no implications in the Army or Navy recommendations that would negatively affect the state in regard to the Governor's responsibilities for Homeland Security.

All of the concerns that I will address today revolve around the USAF recommendations and the negative impacts that we believe those recommendations will have if they are implemented. We have no doubt that their intentions were good, but the process was extremely closed. It is our belief that there are serious unintended long term consequences if the USAF recommendations are fully adopted.

I have four issues to discuss today. First, I will address consequences of the proposed BRAC recommendation that we feel will negatively impact the connectivity of America with her United States Air Force. Then I will address the Governor's concern about a lack of emergency airlift that will remain in the Northwest under the current plan. I will follow-on with a request that you look at the shortfalls caused by an apparent imbalance of the distribution of KC-135 aircraft under BRAC. A closing point will be made regarding potential Air Sovereignty Homeland Security deficiencies.

The first issue is one that affects the entire nation. Slide 1 is illustrated with stars that depict the location of the eighty-eight unit equipped flying wings that exist in the Air National Guard today. The definition of a unit equipped flying wing is one that has the responsibility for the management, maintenance, and operation of an assigned number of aircraft.

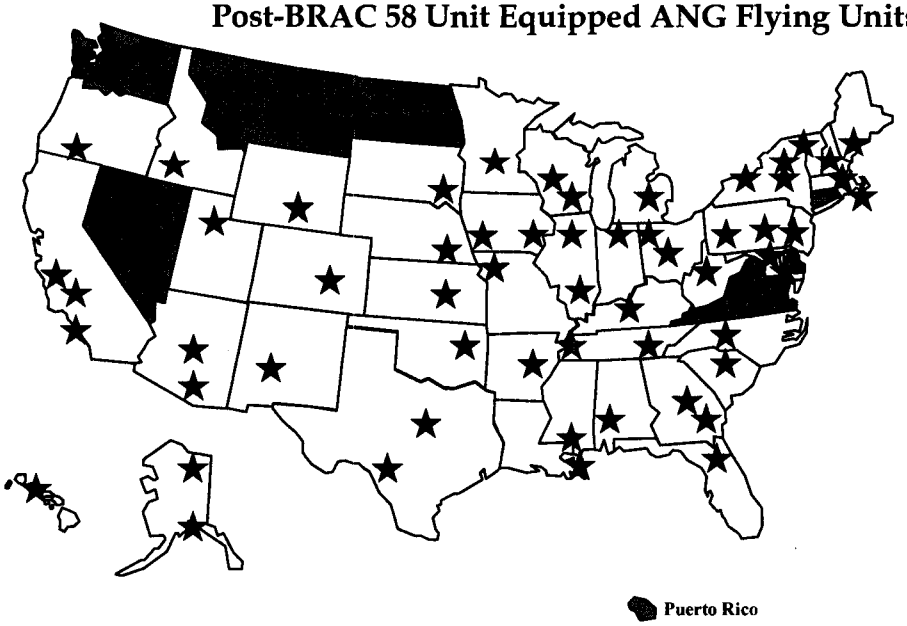
Pre-BRAC 88 Unit Equipped ANG Flying Units



Slide 1

The basing recommendations made by the USAF for the BRAC would result in the removal of over one third of these unit equipped wings. As shown on Slide 2, the proposed basing of the remaining Air National Guard Wings would leave seven states and Puerto Rico without a unit equipped flying wing as depicted in this illustration. Two of those states, Montana and Washington, are present at today's forum.

Post-BRAC 58 Unit Equipped ANG Flying Units



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The Adjutants General of the United States have gone on record that they understand that the recapitalization of the Air Force will require a reduction in both USAF and Air National Guard flying force structure. They are not resistant to a proportional reduction that will provide for America's future Airpower needs. They believe, however, changes of this magnitude should be done in consultation with the Adjutants General, and failure of the Air Force to do so has produced a BRAC basing methodology, if adopted, will have the unintended consequence of disconnecting the citizens of America from a key part of their military.

The Adjutants General, with a common voice, have stated they support maintaining a minimum of one unit equipped flying wing in each state. This is not for political maneuvering. It goes to the ideology of the militia nation concept of defense that has its foundation in the United States Constitution. As you know the organized militias created by the Constitution were not intended or designed to be the most efficient and accessible military organization possible. They were, in fact, created as a political construct designed to keep checks and balances in place for the use of the United States military. Our forefathers envisioned a standing military that would be at the immediate call of the President, but they carefully placed much of the military force in each of the states. The design was crafted specifically to avoid creating a presidency that could conduct foreign policy with the powers of a King backed by a King's Military. The organized militias set forth in the Constitution, today's Army and Air National Guard, were to be organized, trained, and equipped by the federal military. They were to be available to be called to duty as the nation needed. However, there were put in place congressional checks and balances for the call up and use of that force. For centuries, this has served to ensure that the citizens of the nation remain connected to, and remain responsible for their own defense. The use of the United States military for large scale operations, by design, requires the consent of the Congress. This concept also ensures that the military is only used for long term conflict when supported by the people. The one significant time that this process was avoided was during the Vietnam War when the large standing force in place for the Cold War made it possible to fight in Vietnam without calling up the Guard and Reserves. As we know, immediately after the end of that war, the Total Force Policy was developed to ensure that the Guard and Reserve would have to be a part of any future sustained conflict. In the opinion of some in the DoD, the result of that policy is creating complications in today's environment. Others would state that the system is working in that Americans are fully connected to foreign operations because of required mobilization of the National Guard. The fact that this is causing informed questions to be asked throughout America is a good, and not a bad result of Total Force dependencies. The Adjutants General believe that it is a mistake to dismantle the militia nation concept as it relates to the USAF in order to address a short term anomaly in America's history.

One of the goals of the Air Force in this BRAC recommendation is to make the aircraft and aircrews currently serving in the Air National Guard more accessible for federal use. BRAC would accomplish this by closing many unit equipped Air National Guard Wings and redefining the militia concept by integrating Air National Guard units with and occasionally into active duty wings. From a DoD perspective, this would reduce the requirement to mobilize the Air National Guard and minimize the need to go to Congress

to ask for permission to use more of the force. Unfortunately, it would also dismantle many of the safeguards created by the Total Force policy. This restructuring would help solve short term problems, but it is the concern of the Adjutants General that it would have grave long term negative impacts.

When the USAF made the BRAC military value determination it weighted large centrally managed installations with high scores. This arrangement provides the most efficient way to bed down large concentration of forces, but by default, it offers very little scoring to the small and efficient Air National Guard wings. The USAF was looking at the issue through the eyes of leaders responsible to the President for the instant projection of air power. There was no allowance made in their calculations for the value of Air National Guard community basing. It is our contention that keeping Air National Guard unit equipped flying wings distributed in every state will ensure that Americans throughout the nation stay in tune with their Air Force. They will learn about their Air Force and the missions it is performing from citizen airmen who serve on school boards with them and who work and live alongside them as permanent members of their communities. Those informed citizens will lend their voices of support to the military because they will understand the issues as their neighbors, the citizen Airmen, deploy around the world and fight in America's wars.

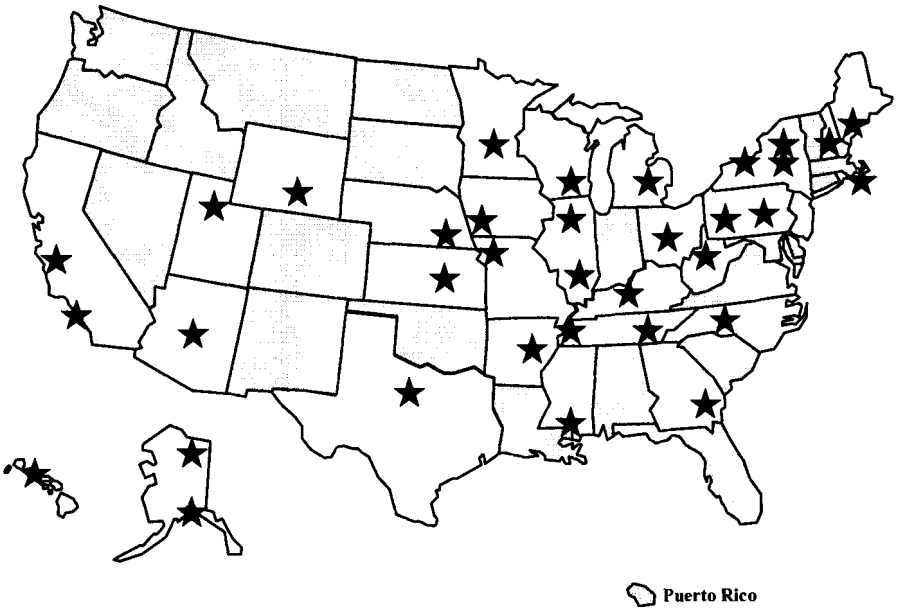
If those same citizens begin to hear things that cause them to lose support for the overseas mission, our elected members of Congress will begin to receive feedback and will hear the collective voices of America. It will result in democracy in action at a much earlier point in a conflict, and a repeat of Vietnam will be avoided. This was the intent of the militia nation construct… to keep citizens involved in their own defense rather than to develop a large standing professional military. BRAC should not be allowed to fundamentally change the way America defends herself because of USAF basing decisions.

With today's lethal weapons and with the speed that Airpower can be projected very quickly around the world, it might be time to consider a change to the militia nation concept of defense for the USAF. On the other hand, it might also be a time to make sure that America is behind the use of that incredible power before the country commits to wielding it. In either case, any fundamental change in how the country defends herself should be debated in Congress by the elected representatives of the people and not accomplished as a byproduct of BRAC basing decisions. We request that you look at the military value calculations and recommend that you place a high value on the positives of keeping at least one unit equipped flying wing in each state. For the purpose of today's hearings, that would affect both Montana and Washington, but we believe this to be a nationwide issue and the most important one that I am addressing today.

The second point I would like to address with you is the impact of the Air Force recommendations in BRAC on the Governor's ability to respond to Homeland Security requirements and natural disasters. Since September 11, 2001, many National Guard capabilities have been developed in order to support civil authorities in time of crisis. Those assets require air transportation in many instances. The impact of removing unit

equipped KC-135s from the Washington Air National Guard and of C-130 aircraft from the Idaho Air National Guard will totally delete the Northwest Governors' emergency capability to respond to Homeland Security events within the region. They will also lose a capability to rapidly support other governors throughout the United States through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Slide 3 shows the proposed post BRAC distribution of Air National Guard unit assigned airlift aircraft around the nation.

Post BRAC - Stars indicate ANG Air Mobility Wings



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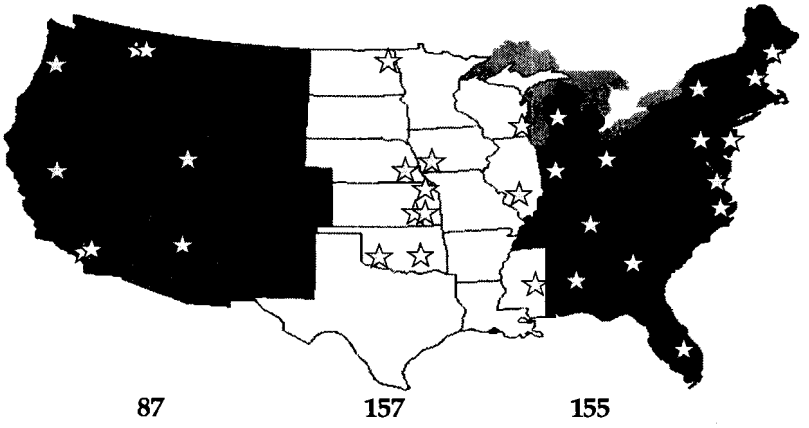
Slide 3

By design, unit assigned National Guard federal equipment; to include airlift aircraft is available to a governor for emergency use. Of course federal need always tops any state use, and the state must pay for any use it makes of the equipment. Thus, the system is designed so that there is no degradation of federal utilization, but the states benefit from the inherent capability of using the aircraft during times of emergency. During disasters, natural or human caused, this provides a tremendous emergency capability for the governors to use in their roles as the Chief Executive of the various states. Although it is not a reason for the USAF to base their aircraft in a specific state, the impact of moves involving airlift capability should be considered when arbitrary basing decisions are being made. As you can see, in Slide 3, the proposed BRAC moves will leave the governors of the entire Northwest Region without any emergency airlift capability. If the unit equipped KC-135s in the Washington Air National Guard were to be left in place, and if the C-130s were to remain in Idaho, the picture would look completely different. We request this be considered in your deliberations.

My third point for you today is to request a reconsideration of the KC-135 basing recommendations as it applies to Fairchild Air Force Base and the entire Northwest. As you know, the air refueling capability of the USAF sets this country apart with a Global Reach capability not approached by any other nation. This capability is what allows all

other aircraft to be so effective. It allows C-17s to fly non stop to anywhere in the world. It allows us to deploy fighters, bombers, and surveillance aircraft to locations not reachable in any other fashion, and it allows the United States Navy and Marines to operate their aircraft from extended distances. Slides 4 and 5 illustrate the migration of air refueling capability away from the west coast if this BRAC proposal is adopted. As you can see the number of KC-135 unit equipped wings in the western third of the US decreases markedly.

Pre-BRAC KC-135 Distribution



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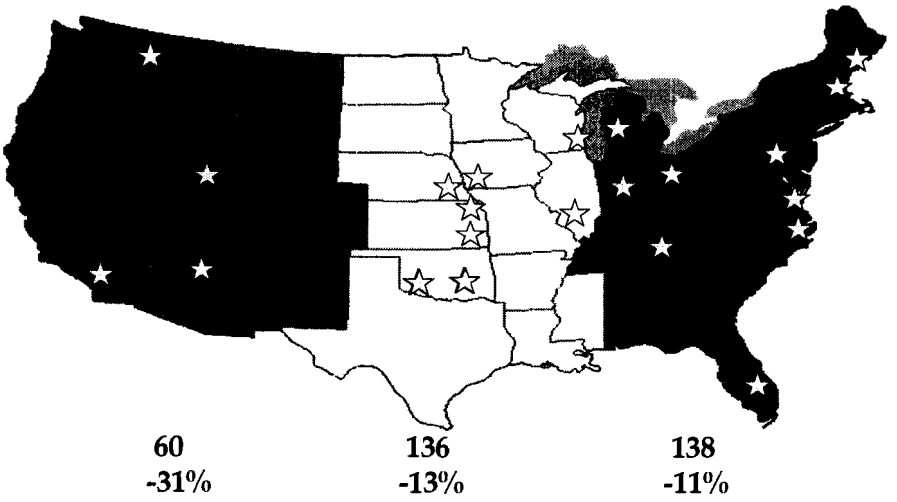
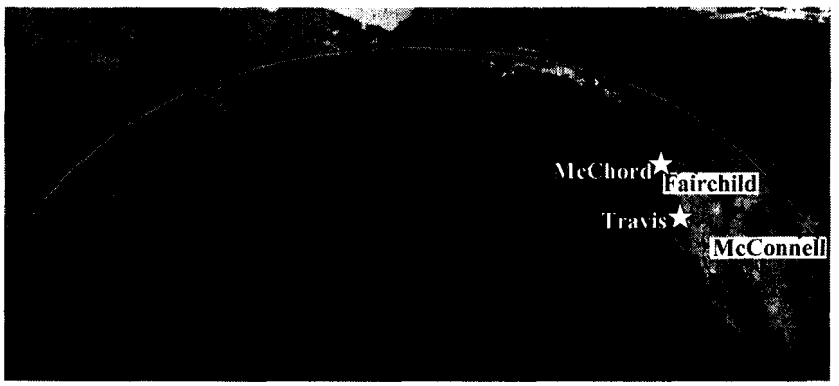


Slide 5

From a military value perspective it is our concern that it is not in the best interest of the United States of America to move these KC-135 force multiplying aircraft away from the west coast. The next illustration demonstrates the impact of flying air refueling missions from McConnell AFB, KS, the other large tanker base, instead of from Fairchild AFB, WA, when going into the Pacific Area of Responsibility.

Strategic Significance



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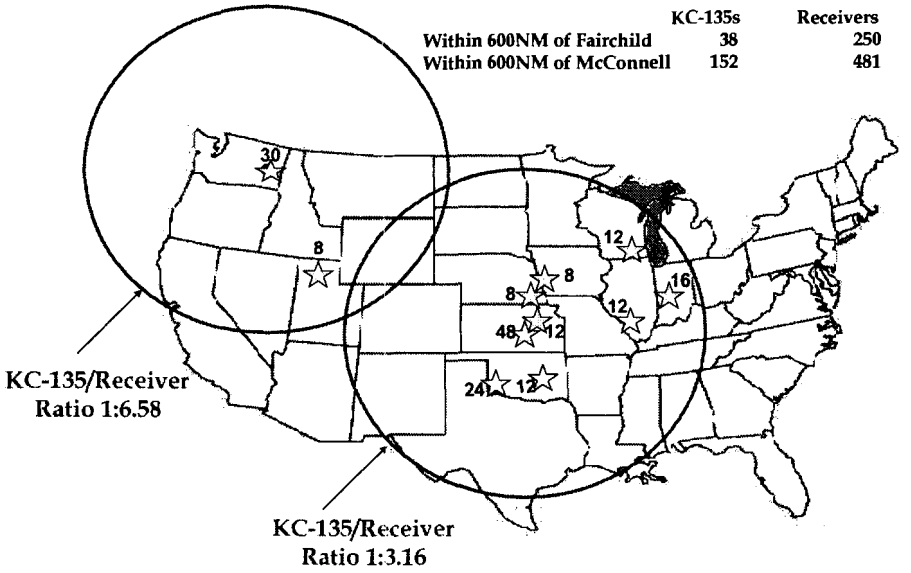
Slide 6

Since much of the Strategic Airlift deploys from McChord AFB, WA and Travis AFB, CA, it would seem prudent to keep more Air Refueling capability in the Northwest. Another factor is the concentration of receivers that utilize the KC-135 aircraft for training on a regular basis. McConnell AFB, KS and Fairchild AFB, WA are slated to be the two large air refueling bases remaining after BRAC. Slide 7 shows the number of receivers and tankers based within the 600 mile overlapping rings of the two bases. Again, it appears the distribution proposed under the current plan does not adequately address training needs, Pacific deployments, and Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) responsibilities. Adding to this problem is the alert air refueling requirements in the Northwest. Currently, between the KC-135s based at Portland and Fairchild, there are four airplanes required to be on alert at all times. If this BRAC proposal is implemented, over thirteen percent of the aircraft assigned to Fairchild will be tied to an alert line on any given day. In fact, crews of the Washington Air National Guard are providing two of the unit assigned alert aircraft and three of the crews for the alert lines at the current time. Loss of these aircraft would place an even larger burden on the already overstressed active duty fleet at Fairchild AFB. It is apparent that this information was not taken into consideration when the BRAC recommendations were made. With a force of only thirty aircraft, it would be very difficult to provide four airplanes for alert while covering the Pacific deployment and receiver training responsibilities, and still providing aircraft for the Air Expeditionary Force. It is requested that the Commission examine data from the

USAF as to how the requirements can be met. Three of these alert aircraft are tied to Homeland Defense. All of these missions are being done with ANG and Air Force Reserve crews and planes. With those assets scheduled to leave, it is essential to ensure this mission will not suffer under the USAF recommendation.

Fairchild and McConnell KC-135/Receiver Ratios: 600 NM



Slide 7

The USAF BRAC proposal indicates Fairchild will be the first base to accept the KC-X follow-on air refueling tanker. The BRAC proposal indicates a basing plan that would place ten of the new aircraft at Fairchild by 2011. This aircraft will undoubtedly provide new capabilities, however, a design has not even been submitted yet, and it is very much an unknown as to when the aircraft will actually be available for basing. It is our contention it would be unwise to remove aircraft from Fairchild AFB, WA in the beginning stages of BRAC prior to the actual fielding of a new aircraft. If the aircraft is fielded at a later date and it offers new flexibility the reassignment could then be made. In our opinion, it would be detrimental for both cost and efficiency reasons to diminish the Fairchild AFB, WA capacity at this time.

Such a move would serve only to further skew the imbalance. It is our recommendation that the commission direct the eight unit equipped KC-135s assigned to the Washington Air National Guard be left in place until there is a production delivery and fielding plan for the follow-on aircraft is in place. Fairchild AFB has a capability to accommodate up to eighty-seven KC-135s, and the eight suggested to be left in place aircraft are currently stationed there and fully operational. The unit is fully combat capable and is contributing at full rate to the nation's defense. There would be no cost to this proposal. As this Slide 8 shows, the trend at Fairchild is going in the opposite way than is prudent.

Fairchild Will Lose nearly 50% Of Its Primary Assigned KC-135s

FY	Active Duty	ANG
2004	36	8
2005	30	8
2006	30	8
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2011	*30 +?? KC-X*	*0*

Slide 8

We recommend the Commission overturn the USAF BRAC recommendation and direct the eight WA ANG unit-equipped KC-135s be left at the 141 Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, WA. This course of action would solve all three of the issues discussed to this point. Directing this action would keep the citizen Airman connection with the American people.

This positive course of action would provide an emergency airlift capability to the governors of the Northwest Region for use in Homeland Security events. While not detracting from their federal use, this would make aircraft available for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) missions.

Finally, this solution reduces the basing imbalance of KC-135s by leaving eight additional aircraft in the Pacific region. This provides a much better capability to accomplish real world Pacific missions, receiver and tanker training needs, and projected alert requirements.

My final input to you today concerns the proposed BRAC change that would remove the F-15 air defense fighter aircraft based at from Portland IAP. It is our understanding that the BRAC plan to provide for the Air Defense for the Northwest duel tasks the F-15 training unit at Kingsley Field, OR. As a career fighter pilot who has also been the commander of an Air National Guard Fighter Training unit, I have concerns regarding the viability of this plan.

Numerous currency issues are involved with professionally performing the Air Sovereignty Alert Mission, and it is imperative that all certification issues for crews and aircraft be studied prior to making the assessment that this mission could be done as an

additional tasking. The aircraft and the pilots of a training squadron are certainly capable of performing the mission, but I would suggest that the required aircraft checks and the pilot currencies required for the Air Sovereignty mission will detract from the ability to still provide the training mission.

From the standpoint of the Governor of Washington and our other elected officials, the question we ask the BRAC Commission to consider is whether or not the removal of the Portland F-15s would have a negative impact on response times for the many critical infrastructure sites in Washington. When this question is asked of the Northern Command, we would suggest that the answer should specifically address the ability of the system to rapidly ramp up to the highest response posture level that would be required when an unexpected crisis such as September 11th occurs.

This concludes my remarks. I would like to answer any questions that you may have.

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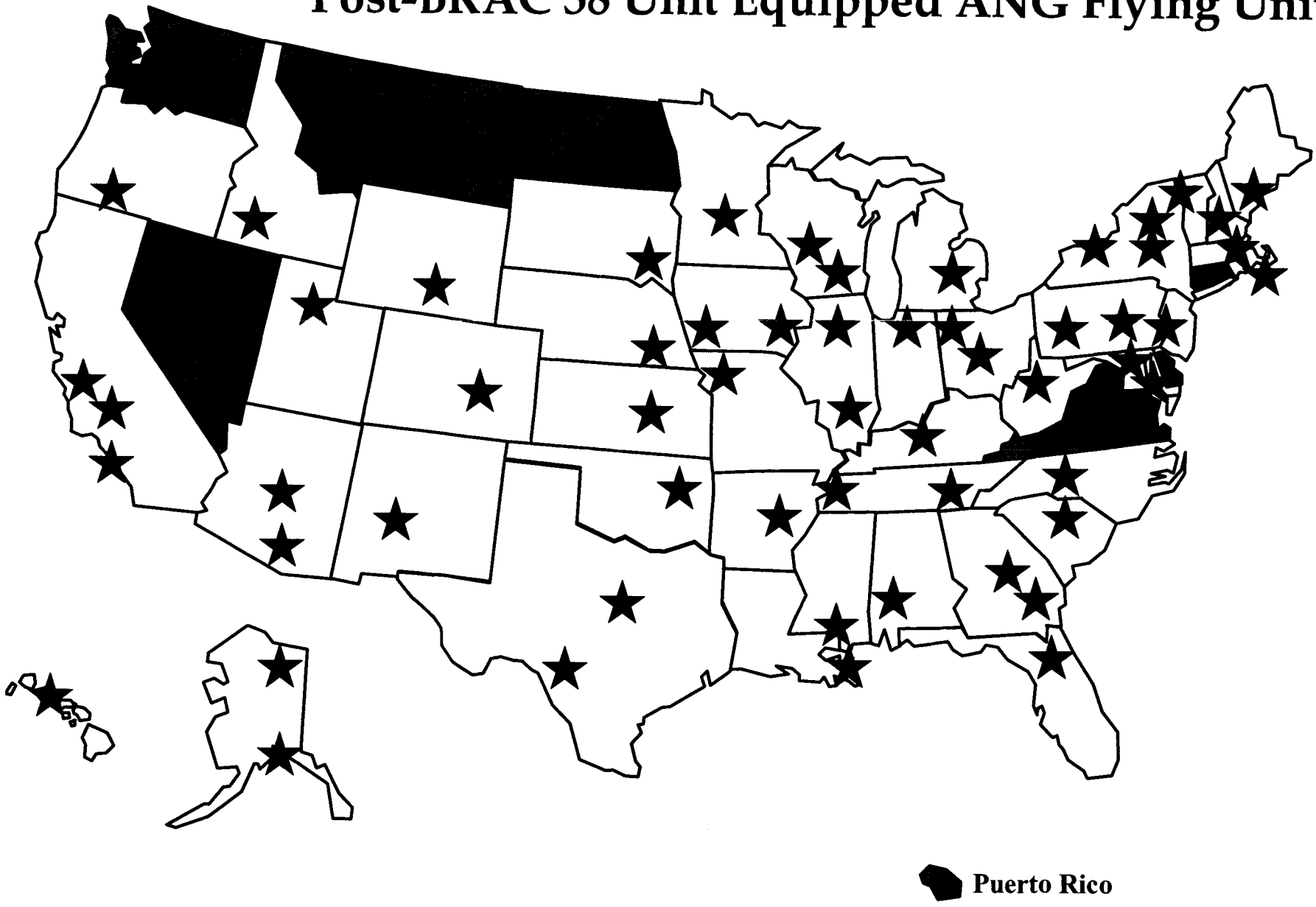

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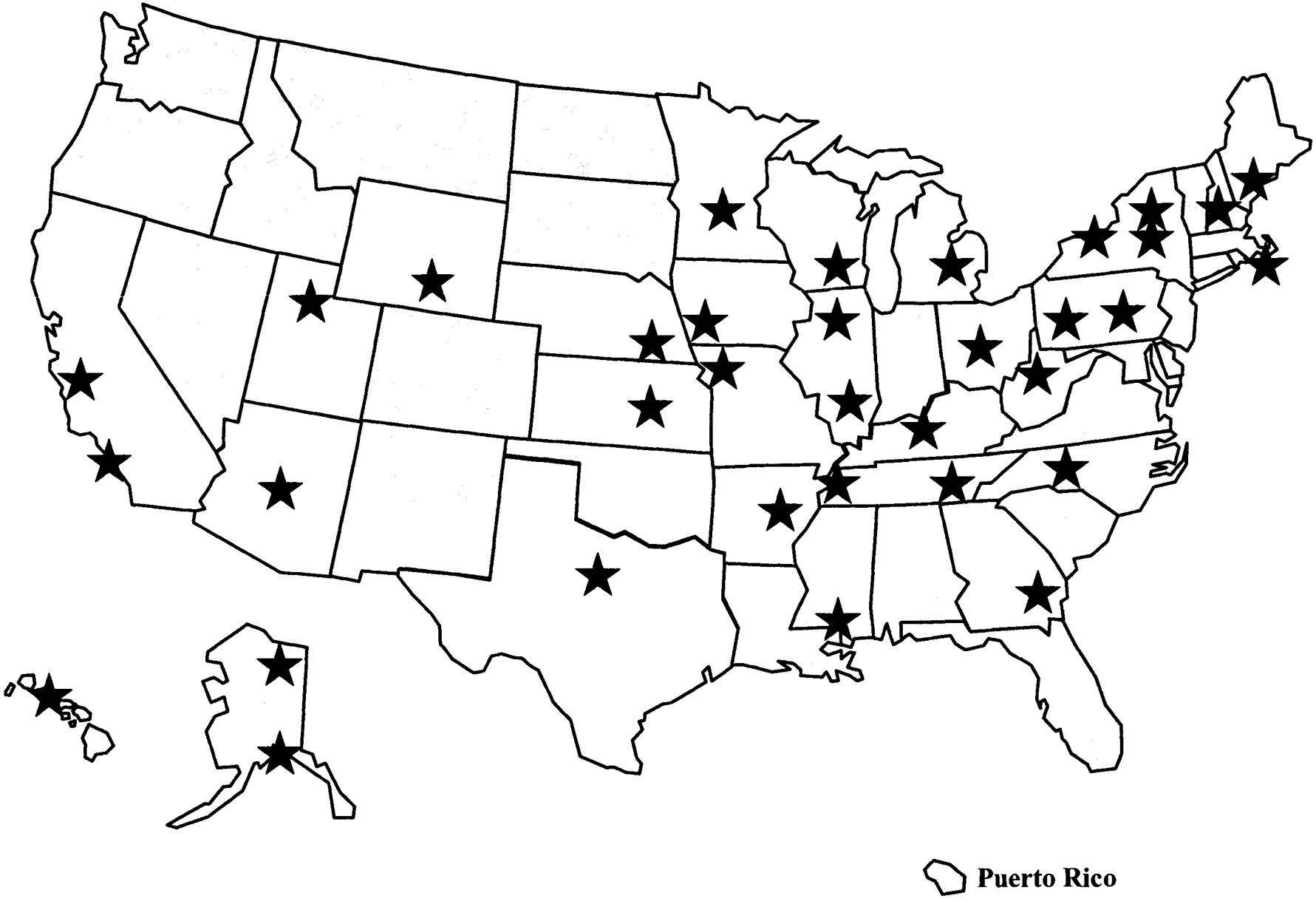

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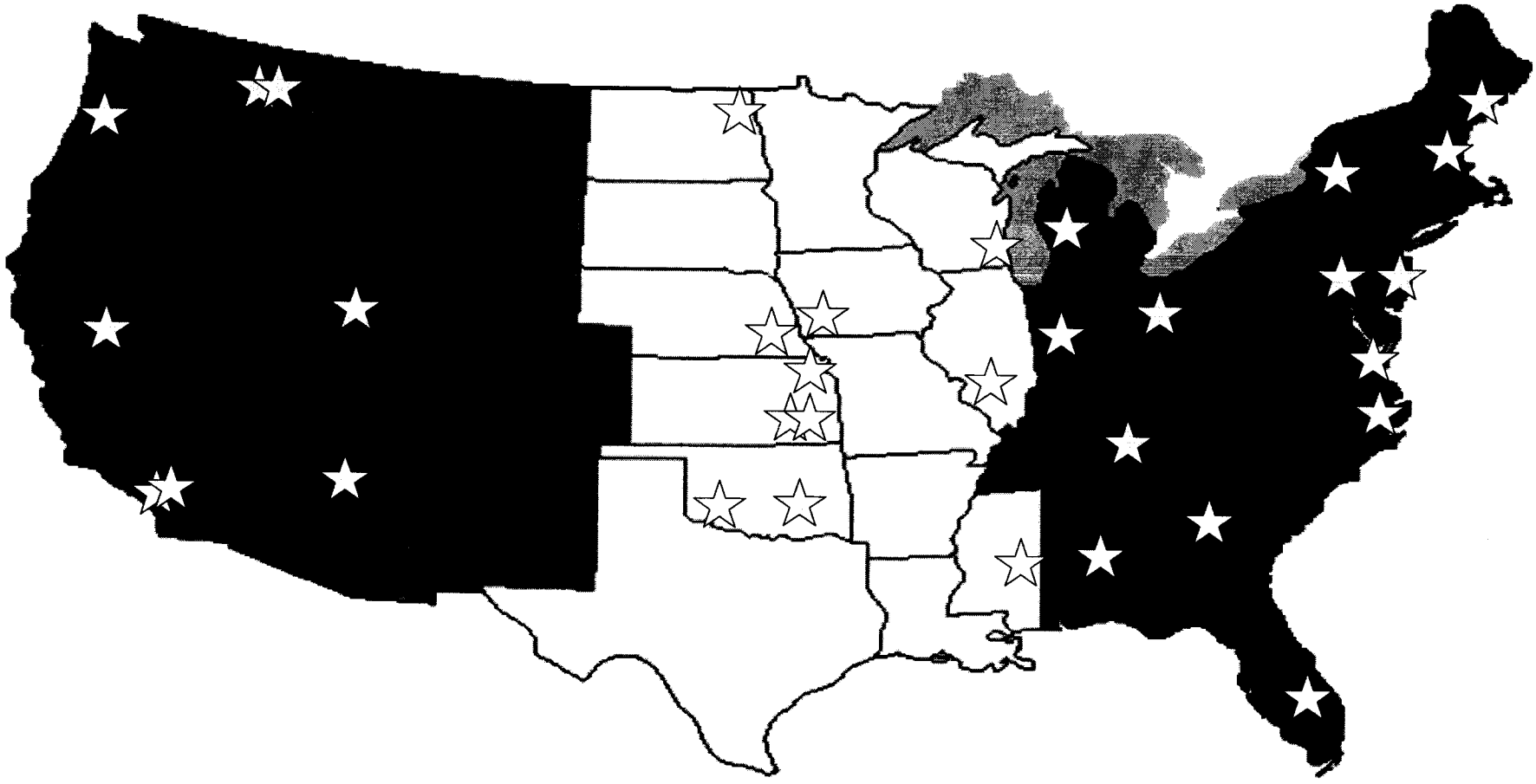

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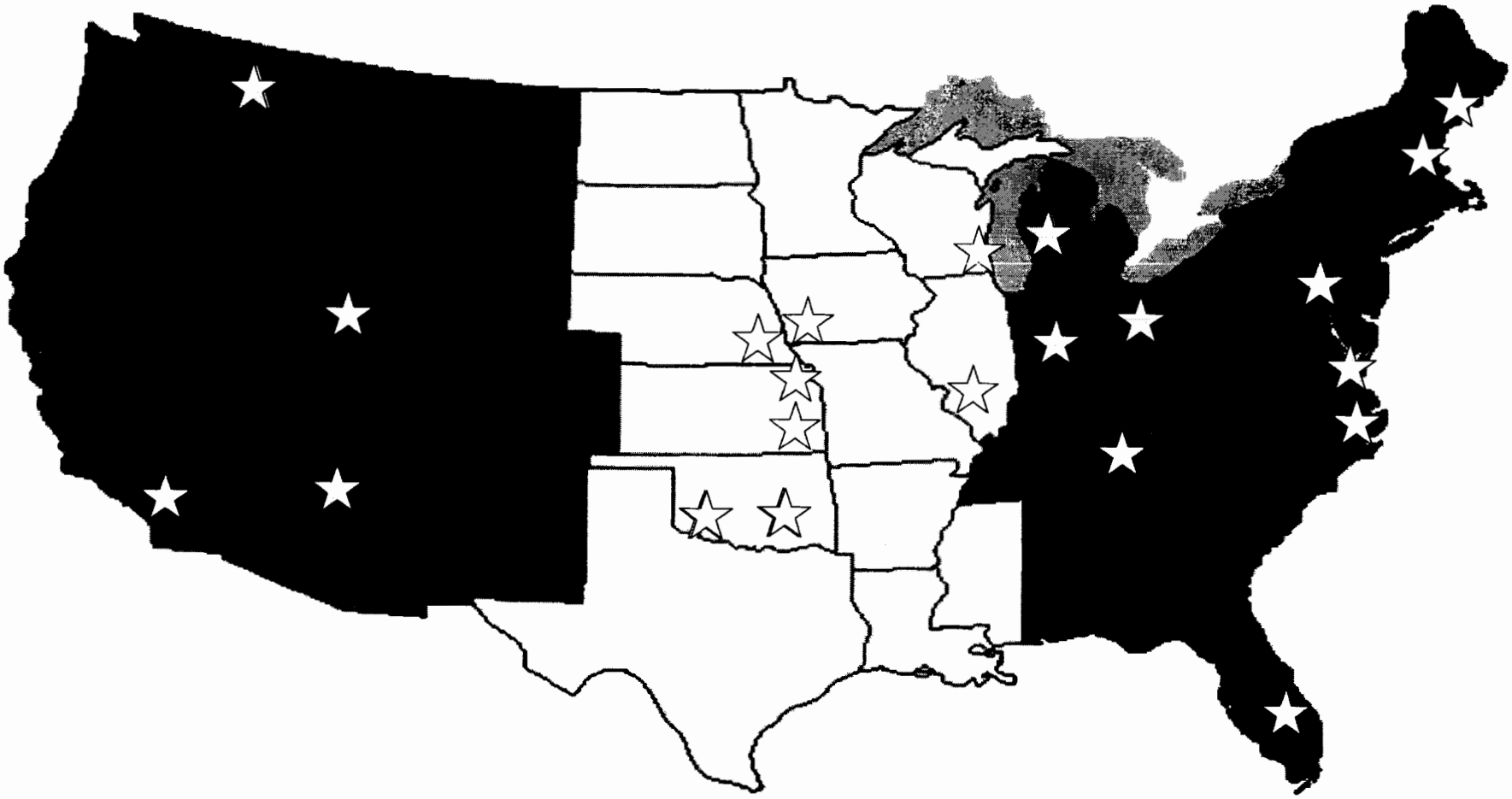

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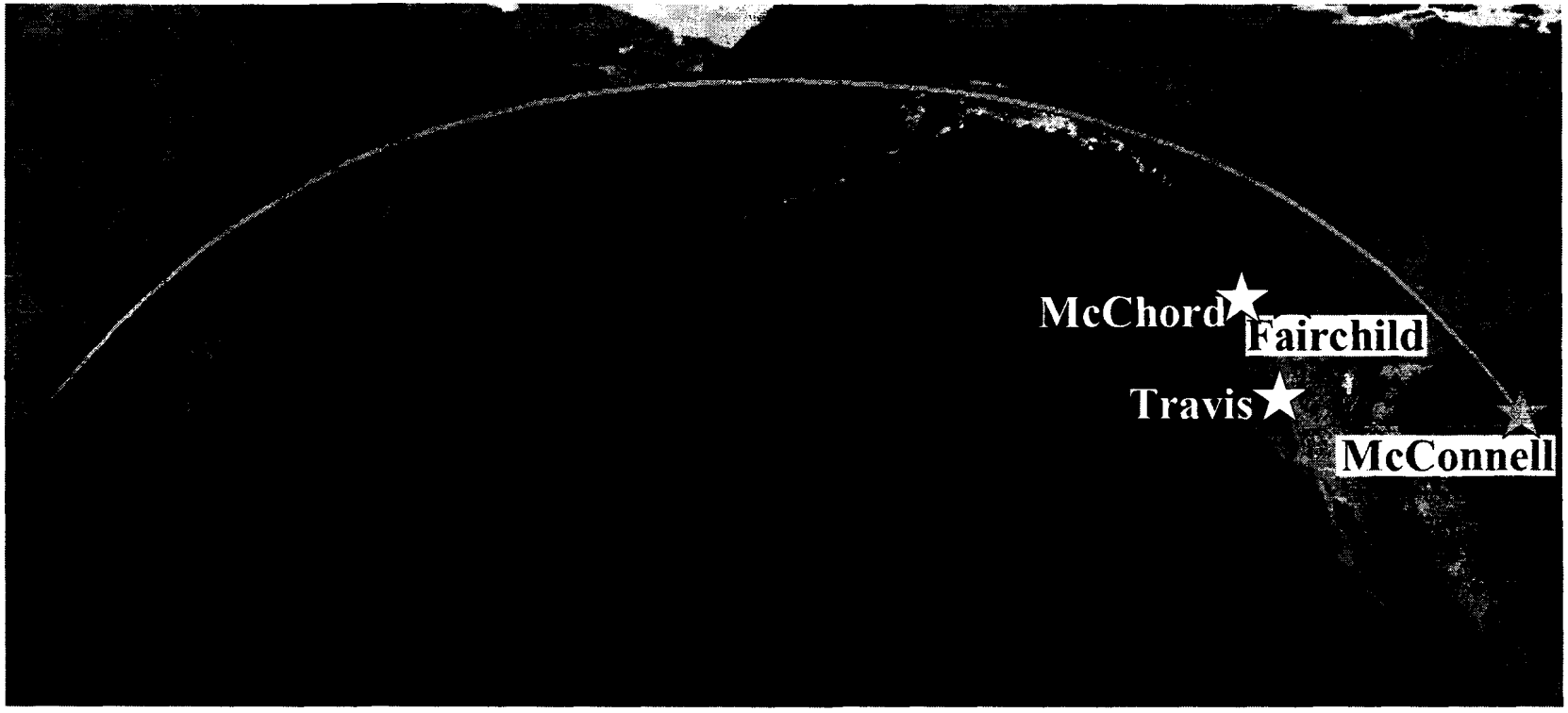

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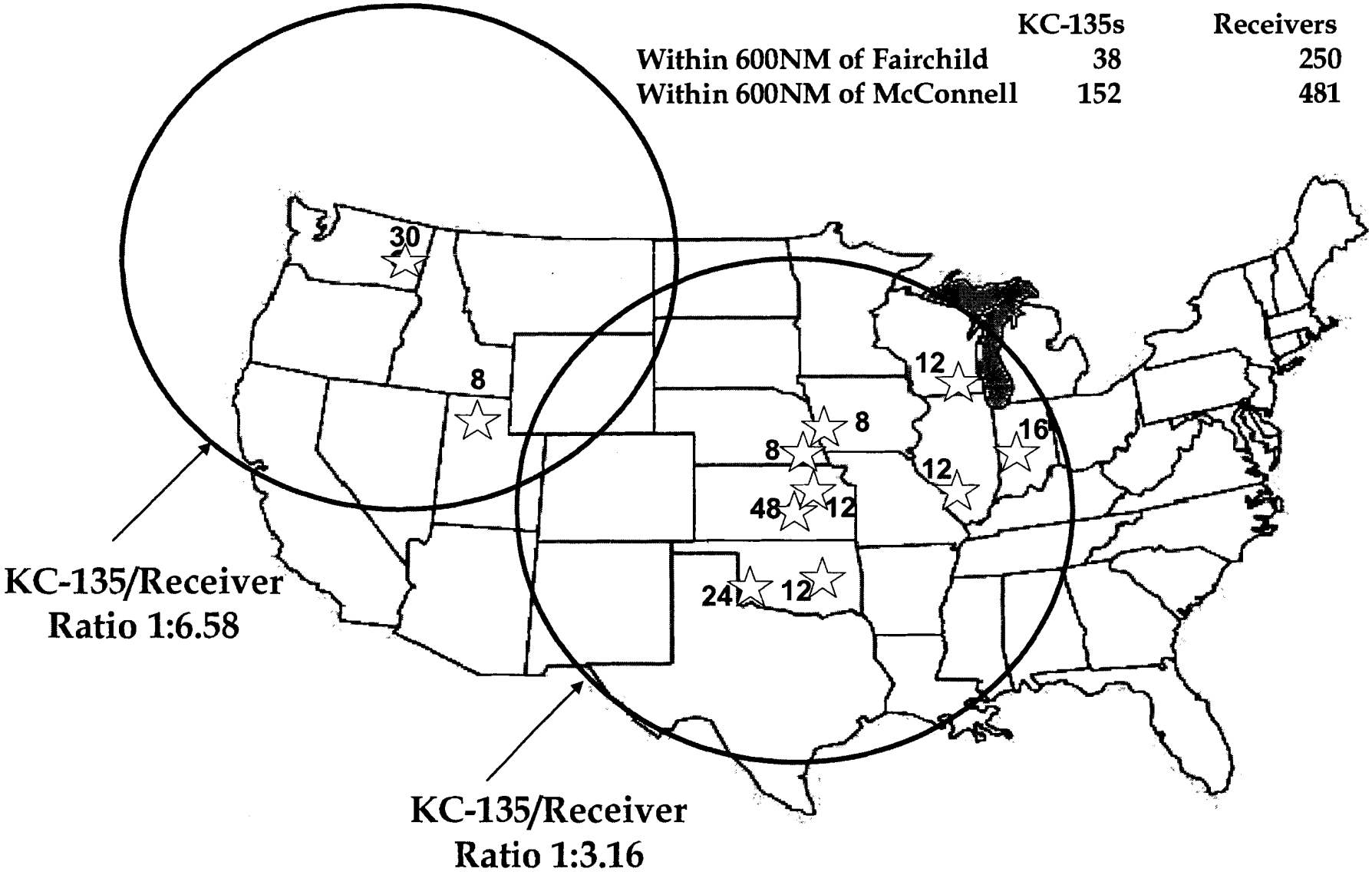

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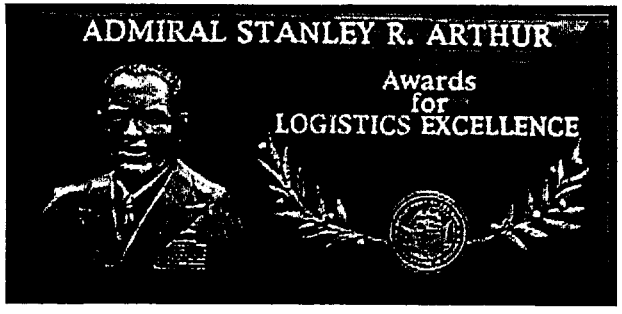
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, Corona, CA

For dynamic leadership, innovation and achievement in the advancement of Navy Logistics and Fleet Readiness

Given this 27th Day of June, 2005



JUSTIN D. McCARTHY
Vice Admiral, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy
Director, Material Readiness and Logistics (N4)

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27 Jun 05

From: Director, Material Readiness and Logistics
To: Mr. Michael Barkenhagen
Via: Commanding Officer, Naval Special Warfare Center, Corona Division, Corona, CA

Subj: ADMIRAL STAN ARTHUR AWARD FOR LOGISTICAL EXCELLENCE WINNER FOR 2004 CIVILIAN LOGISTICIAN OF THE YEAR

Encl: (1) Certificate of Achievement

1. Congratulations on your selection as the 2004 Admiral Stan Arthur Award for Logistics Excellence Civilian Logistician of the Year.

2. There were twenty submittals (8 Military, 5 Civilian and 7 Team) for consideration. The competition was extremely close, and the Selection Panel had to deliberate long and hard in order to determine a clear-cut winner from all of the highly qualified submittals.

3. Please accept this well-deserved recognition for your dynamic leadership, innovation, and achievement in advancing Navy Logistics and Fleet Readiness.

4. Many thanks for your selfless devotion to the Navy. Keep up the outstanding efforts.

J. D. McCARTHY
Vice Admiral, Supply Corps
United States Navy

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PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE
INTEGRATED WARFARE SYSTEMS
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Ser IWS/1P005
6 Jun 03

From: CAPT Mark D. Kavanaugh, PEO IWS1P
To: Commanding Officer, Corona Division, NSWC

Subj: PEO IWS UNIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1. Enclosed are PEO IWS Excellence Awards acknowledging your team's exceptional efforts supporting the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team.

2. Please forward the awards as a token of my gratitude and distribute as you deem appropriate. I commend your staff for a job "well done" and thank you and your staff for the superb support of the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team.

R. A. LUTZ
By direction

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented To

Allen Gonzalez

In Recognition of Your Contributions and Support of FT 04-3 on April 8, 2005.
I Applaud Your Commitment, Dedication, and Professionalism in
Making the Flight a Resounding Success.

Mark D. Shackelford
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy for Test and Assessment
Missile Defense Agency

3 April 2005

Dear Admiral Macy,

On 24 February, USS LAKE ERIE, USS RUSSELL, their crews, and the rest of our Navy/MDA Team performed magnificently in their execution of the latest Aegis BMD flight test.

This flight test (FTM 04-1, formerly FM-7) was the centerpiece of a three-week series of tests at sea, referred to as the "Stellar Dragon Campaign." There were many "firsts" conducted during this test campaign, but a constant throughout the six flight tests we have conducted to date is the superb professionalism of our Navy Sailors and Officers. With each test, we have increased the level of difficulty, while also adding significant levels of operational realism; each time, the ships responded successfully to the challenge. With FTM 04-1, we moved to the threshold of having an in-service BMD engagement capability for the Aegis BMD cruisers.

I am forwarding a video depicting the flight test portion of this Stellar Dragon Campaign to share with you an insight into this impressive accomplishment.

Very respectfully,

K. K. PAIGE
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Program Director, Aegis BMD

Rear Admiral Archer M. Macy, Jr., USN
Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center
1333 Isaac Hull Avenue
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376

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> RMKS/1. PLEASE EXTEND MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOUR EXCEPTIONAL
> TEAM FOR THE OUTSTANDING TRAINING PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF THE
> NIMITZ CARRIER STRIKE GROUP DURING JTFEX 05-3. THE
> INSTRUMENTATION, DATA COLLECTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND ANALYSIS
> EFFORTS PROVIDED BY NSWC CORONA ARE INVALUABLE AND ENABLED THE
> STRIKE GROUP TO BE CERTIFIED FOR DEPLOYMENT.
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> 2. NSWC CORONA CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF
> FLEET READINESS TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR NIMITZ CSG. WE WOULD
> SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO THANK SCOTT PAULO, KEVIN BOLES, WILLIAM COAN,
> RICHARD CORDOVA, VICEN MORALES, GIORGIO PAUL, STEVE BOURGEOIS, P.J.
> BYRNE, JAMES FOX, SAL HERNANDEZ, STAN HITCHCOCK, MARK MOMANEY, MARK
> LANDFORD, RICHARD LESCH AND STEVE MESSEIH FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS,
> PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION. THANK YOU FOR A JOB EXTREMELY WELL
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Commanding Officer
Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division
P.O. Box 5000
Corona, CA 92875-5000

Dear Captain Miller,

I want to express my complete satisfaction with Mr. Eric Grotheus' outstanding support and send my strongest recommendation that his performance, sustained professionalism and exceptional skills be recognized in the form of a promotion to the next higher grade.

I feel very comfortable with my assessment of Eric's talent and character as I have personally witnessed his superior performance and relied heavily on his efforts to tackle numerous significant initiatives. I have consistently relied on Eric's expertise to challenge assumptions, propose better processes, and recommend policy guidance changes while interfacing with Flag Officers and SESs on very challenging issues. He helped create and coordinate an Executive Committee to address the Department of the Navy's billion dollar per year Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) challenge. He championed the Independent Logistics Assessment Process and was instrumental in developing a guidebook that is a powerful tool to help control the growing operating and support costs of our systems. He is the first to volunteer for difficult endeavors and has flawlessly performed in completion of difficult tasks.

Eric is one of those rare individuals that "has it all". He has proven himself in stress filled, demanding positions and thrived on the challenges. His innate capability to gather, synthesize and apply information to solve complicated issues and make things happen sets him apart.

As a Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, I have had the opportunity to work with numerous senior professionals and Eric is clearly performing well above his pay grade. He has unlimited energy and a proven track record of success. I believe that the Navy and DoD will benefit by recognizing his professional and personal capabilities with a promotion to GS-14.

I appreciate your continued support and consideration of this recommendation. If you need any additional information on his moral character, integrity, or professionalism, please contract me at (703) 697-1799.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Kunesh
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Logistics)

THEATER SURFACE COMBATANTS
UNIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Presented to:

NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team

Dianne Costlow

The NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team is being recognized for its outstanding support to the Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants through its instrumental role in the unprecedented deployment of a Pacific Fleet Battle Group equipped with Cooperative Engagement Capability. Overcoming highly complex programmatic and technical challenges, the team planned and provided operational, technical, logistical, training, and documentation support for the NIMITZ Battle Group. Team members simultaneously conducted testing, software correction, and certification for the entire Battle Group in preparation for deployment. Real world events further increased challenges associated with testing and certification when an additional five-month schedule compression resulted in an earlier completion date. The team responded with a new intensive plan that included all Fleet and programmatic elements required to ensure that the Battle Group would deploy with an effective Combat System (CS) and a superbly trained crew. The team's extensive test and evaluation efforts involved emergent engineering dry-runs prior to each event, execution of the test events, data analysis and collaborative assessment afloat and ashore, presentation of progress to a Flag/SES level board, and exceptionally comprehensive preparations and planning for the next event. NIMITZ CS elements and Battle Group CSs were evaluated during 11 highly stressful live-fire test events conducted underway and at land-based test facilities. The events included eight successful missile exercises, 460 detect-to-engage track exercises, compressed CSSQT requirements, new system link interoperability evaluations, and accelerated training exercises. The team evaluated more than 1,000 test observations in near real-time in order to prepare for the accelerated deployment. Its remarkable efforts culminated in a fully effective, integrated, and operational combat system that was critical to the NIMITZ Battle Group's successful Inter-Deployment Training Cycle and Composite Training Unit Exercise in preparation for an early Joint Task Force Exercise and Battle Group deployment. Congratulations on a job well done!

Alan S. Weyman
Executive Director

Rear Admiral William W. Cobb, Jr.
Program Executive Officer
for Theater Surface Combatants

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RMKS/1. THE HARD-CHARGING SAILORS, MARINES AND CIVILIANS OF MAEWR AND CHERRY POINT TARGETS PROVIDED UNPARALLELED SUSTAINED SUPPORT CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF OPERATION BLINDING STORM.

2. YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING AND EVALUATION MILESTONE FOR THE JOINT NATIONAL TRAINING CAPABILITY AND JFKCSG WERE VITAL TO EACH UNIT AND SQUADRON. YOUR OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ALL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZE MR. JAMES PIFER AND THE TACTS/MAEWR TEAM, MR. DUKE SAVAGE AND THE NORTHRUP GRUMMAN TECHNICAL SERVICES TEAM, AND MAJOR RON THORNTON AND THE AERIAL SURFACE TARGETS DIVISION FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS COMPLEX EXERCISE A SUCCESS. THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION IN SERVICING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CJTFEX 04-2 ENSURED ALL TRAINING OBJECTIVES WERE QUICKLY AND COMPLETELY SATISFIED.

4. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR FINE SUPPORT AND A JOB WELL DONE. VADM ROUGHEAD SENDS.//

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INDIAN HEAD DIVISION
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
101 STRAUSS AVE
INDIAN HEAD MD 20640-5035

12410
Ser A/17
14 Jun 04

From: Commander, Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center
To: Commander, Corona Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. Please accept my sincere thanks and high praise to your Corona assessment team for the Product Oriented Evaluation they performed at Indian Head Division the week of 3-7 May 04. Over the last six months, I've become concerned about several quality-related issues associated with our MK125 Warhead processing line. The Indian Head Family needed an objective, independent, and professional assessment of our primary and support processes to determine what actions were required to maintain the highest level of quality in the MK125 and other energetic product lines.

2. Your team from the Strategic Weapons Assurance Division, managed by Paul Thornberry, Code QA10, was headed by Steve Gaal and was comprised of Chris Neilson, Frank Stanko, Jarrod Hoecker, Kelly Schwendiman, Mike DeShazo, Richard Goodwin, and Tony Bendixer. These folks were flat out outstanding! They conducted extensive research and preparation for their visit, then came to Indian Head and provided us a respectful, thorough, insightful, and incredibly productive assessment. Their recommendations will most certainly help us fix problems and enable us to continue to improve the quality of our products and services. I'm proud that our NSWC corporation can leverage the collective talents of folks across Divisions to provide the very best for our warfighters. The high competence and performance of your team speaks highly of your leadership and the leadership of your leaders and managers. Thanks for the support!

JOSEPH N. GIAQUINTO

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Letter of Appreciation

John Yip

空軍第一後勤指揮部試驗廠感謝函

February 17, 2004

To: Commanding Officer, Corona Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center
From: PMEL, 1st ALAC Chinese Air Force

On behalf of the PMEL, 1st ALAC Chinese Air Force,

We are compelled to express our sincerest appreciation to Mr. John Yip of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division for his outstanding participation in the Physical Dimentional portion of E-2T calibration training. His tremendous knowledge of the material allowed for swift adaptations to be implemented at critical times in the training. His extensive skill in explaining details of the processes, unending patience with the trainees and complete dedication to instructing have proved invaluable in ensuring that all of the participants were able to meet the objectives of the training. Mr. John Yip has not only met, but exceeded expectations. Thanks to John Yip's participation in the training, the PMEL, 1st ALAC Chinese Air Force has full confidence in the trainees ability to execute and understand instrument calibration procedures: 17-20AW-417 for Tracking Analyzer Balancer System, 17-20AW-296 for Indicator Power Supply for Vib Test Set, 17-20SV-44 for Velocity Pick-up and accelerometer, 17-20MD-10 for Alignment Gage, 17-20AX-688 for Magnetic Compass Calibrator, 17-20MX-14L for Cabin Pressure Tester, 17-20MP-140 for Pressure/Temp Test Set, 17-20ST-02 for Fixture Electric Dummy Load Heater, 17-20MP-06 for Hydraulic Res Pressure Filter and 17-20MP-89 for Equipent Cooling Test Station. John Yip has magnificently performed his function for the E2T and we look forward to the honor of working with him on future occasions.

Regards

PMEL, 1st ALAC Chinese Air Force
Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory
Director
Andy Lee

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Andy Lee
Precision Measurement Equipment Lab Director
PMEL, 1st ALAC Chinese Air Force

NATO SEASPARROW Consortium

Excellence Award

Presented to

NSWC, Corona Division

The NATO SEASPARROW Project Steering Committee hereby awards this certificate in recognition of your outstanding contributions as a member of the Evolved SEASPARROW Missile (ESSM) Test and Evaluation Team. The ESSM Test and Evaluation Team executed a complex test program that culminated in a successful operational evaluation aboard the USS SHOUP (DDG 86). For exhibiting the spirit of cooperation and teamwork that has been the trademark of this Consortium, the NATO SEASPARROW Project Steering Committee presents this certificate as a lasting reminder of our gratitude to the ESSM Test and Evaluation Team.

NSPSC Member for Australia

NSPSC Member for the Netherlands

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LOCKHEED MARTIN

Letter of Appreciation

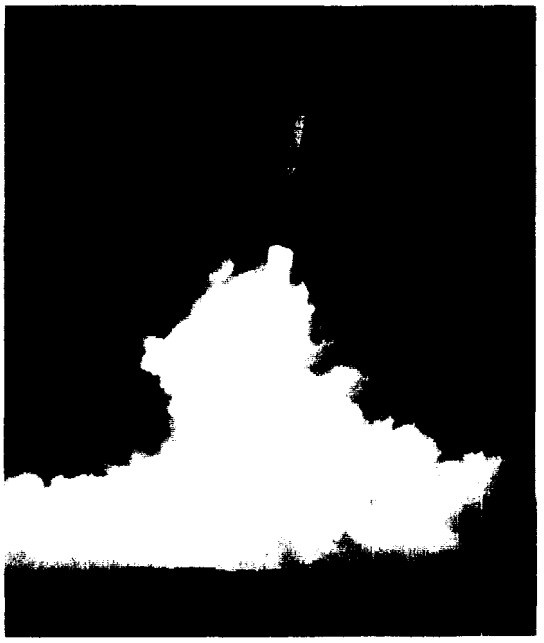
Since late 2001, the Lockheed Martin Space Systems (LMSS) – Navy Joint Customer Technical Program Management Systems Evaluation Team has included Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Corona, California personnel.

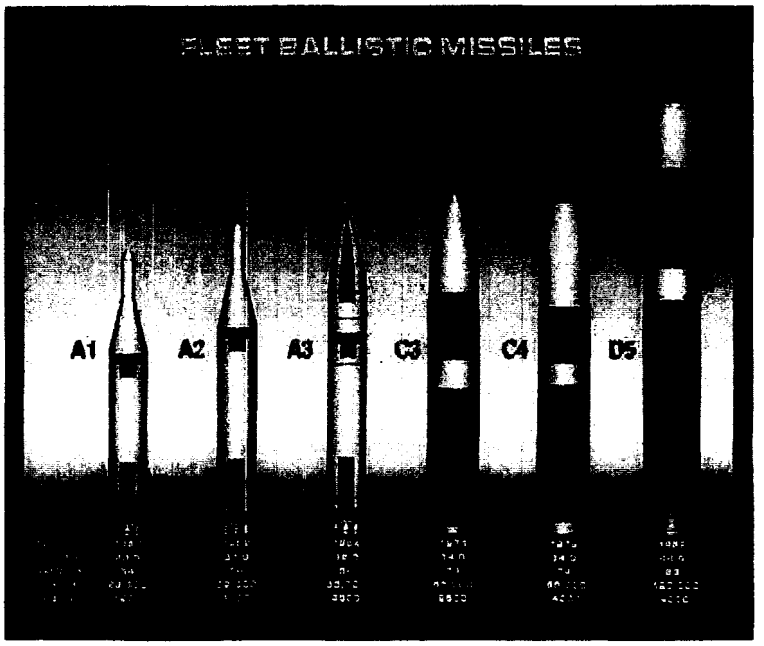
The experience, expertise, knowledge and professionalism that NSWC personnel possess has resulted in an extremely effective and thorough Quality Management System evaluation process positively benefiting the Fleet Ballistic Missiles (FBM) Program.

Each participating NSWC Representative has contributed to strengthen the joint evaluation process that not only strives to ensure FBM suppliers' total compliance to imposed quality system requirements, but also to promote the FBM program philosophy based on mutual respect, benefit, and cooperation between the U. S. Navy, LMSSC and FBM suppliers and subcontractors.

In recognition of dedicated performance of duties and continued support to the success of the FBM Program, LMSSC extends its appreciation to NSWC evaluation team members.

M. Heryla, Chairman Customer Evaluation Team	R. G. Issaco, Manager Supplier Management	M. J. Gallagher, Director Procurement Quality Assurance	S. E. Bubb, Manager FBM Product Assurance





LOCKHEED MARTIN

Letter of Appreciation

The following Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona, California, personnel are commended for their outstanding support and professional participation in the Lockheed Martin Space Systems (LMSS) – Navy Joint Customer Technical Program Management Systems Evaluation Process.

Ed Burnside

Narciso Chaidez

Michael W. DeShazo

James L. Fletcher

Stephen T. Gaal

Gavin K. Goo

Richard S. Goodwin

Bairon Guerra

Robert E. Ivory

Glenn D. Mundt

Laura Chaidez

Gabriel A. Purcell

Christian P. Quinones

Shannon (Lea) Reynolds

Kelly Schwendiman

Frank J. Stanko

Joline P. Thai-Mach

Certificate of Commendation

Tama Stevens

United States Marine Corps

Certificate of Commendation

COMMANDING GENERAL
MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND
takes pleasure in commending

TAMA L. STEVENS

for

professional achievement in the outstanding performance of your duties while serving as a Computer Specialist for the Marine Corps Metrology Branch, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, Corona, California from 15 September 2002 to 30 June 2003. During this period, your exceptional technical insight and managerial skills were repeatedly demonstrated in the implementation and fielding of the Visual Labmate to two major Depot Metrology Facilities and seven Operational Marine Calibration Facilities. Your guidance and support efforts have provided the Marine Calibrators with a state-of-the-art common user interface to all laboratory functions and a seamless bi-directional migration of data to external and internal sources, as well as an automated mechanism to calibrate test measurement and diagnostic equipment and capture critical parametric data for analysis. Your leadership, team participation, sound working knowledge, and understanding of this roll-out evolution was invaluable and unsurpassed your ability to customize and enhance all required and unique Visual Labmate reports. Your resourcefulness, initiative, and selfless dedication to duty reflected great credit upon yourself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

12 Nov 2003
Date

WILLIAM D. CATTO
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

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William D. Catto
BG, U.S. Marine Corps

Certificate of Commendation

Ground Marine Corps Metrology Branch (MS-43)

United States Marine Corps

Certificate of Commendation

COMMANDING GENERAL
MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND
takes pleasure in commending

GROUND MARINE CORPS METROLOGY BRANCH (MS-43)

for

professional achievement in the outstanding performance of duties in engineering support to the Program Manager, Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment, Combat Equipment and Support Systems Product Group, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Virginia from August 1997 to October 2003. During this period, the Measurement Science Department exceeded all goals by consistently displaying exceptional competence, resourcefulness, and engineering skills in the development of Instrument Calibration Procedures and responding to Calibration Problem Reports. Through superior technical skills, initiative, and talent on the part of all involved, your department completed 164 Instrument Calibration Procedures and responded to 773 Calibration Problem Reports. These exceptional efforts and loyalty to the task at hand enabled all Marine Force Calibration Facilities to consistently maintain readiness of all test equipment that is required to sustain Fleet Weapons Systems in Combat ready condition. Your department's resourcefulness, initiative, and selfless dedication to duty reflected great credit upon your branch and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.

12 Nov 2003
Date

WILLIAM D. CATTO
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

NAVMC 10631 (REV. 9-89) S/N 0109-LF-084-0200

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William D. Catto
BG, U.S. Marine Corps

Certificate of Commendation

Michael Dinger

United States Marine Corps

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COMMANDING GENERAL
MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND

takes pleasure in commending

MICHAEL T. DINGER

for

professional achievement in the outstanding performance of your duties while serving as a Ground Systems Metrology Network Administrator for the Marine Corps Metrology Branch, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, Corona, California from 15 September 2002 to 30 June 2003. During this period, you demonstrated exceptional timely and continuous technical and logistics support for the Computer Assisted Logistics and Test Equipment Calibration Systems program. Your tireless efforts in the procurement, tracking, and delivery of critical information technology equipment were instrumental in the successful fielding of LabMate 3.5 software and hardware to all Marine Force Calibration Facilities. In particular, your superb management skills and excellent logistics acumen enabled the LabMate Technical Installation Team the capability to install, conduct training, and prepare the Marine Air Control Group-48, Marine Wing Communications Squadron-48 Calibration Facility in less than 48 hours, a task that normally takes two weeks, for deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your exceptional resourcefulness, initiative, and selfless dedication to duty reflected great credit upon yourself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.

12 Nov 2003
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Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

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William D. Catto
BG, U.S. Marine Corps

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Commanding Officer
Naval Surface Warfare Center
Corona Division
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USA

Attention: CAPT Stephen Miller

Dear Stephen,

EVOLVED SEASPARROW MISSILE FIRINGS

1. I wish to thank you for your part in assisting the recent Evolved SEASPARROW Missile (ESSM) firings that took place from HMAS WARRAMUNGA in Hawaii.

2. The dedication and professionalism of your team contributed greatly to the successful completion of the PT&E and OT&E firings. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Doug Pendleton in providing expert advice and assistance to our telemetry team at the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii. His input leading up to and during the event was greatly appreciated.

3. The good results from the ESSM firings reinforce the reputation of NSWC Corona in providing first class trials support. This event in particular will greatly enhance the operational viability of the ESSM within the NATO SEASPARROW Consortium Navies. I look forward to our continued relationship.

Yours sincerely

K.MALPRESS, CSC
Commodore, RAN
Acting Director General
Major Surface Ships Branch

07 September 2003

Letter of Commendation

Vince Whitfield

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND
RADM WILLIAM A. MOFFETT BUILDING
47123 BUSE ROAD, BLDG 2272
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND 20670-1547

July 30, 2003

The Assistant Commander for Logistics
takes pleasure in presenting a

LETTER OF COMMENDATION
to

VINCENZO WHITFIELD
ELECTRONICS ENGINEER
UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For professional dedication and achievement in the performance of duty as the Naval Air Systems Command Metrology and Calibration Fixed Wing Coordinator from April 1992 through September 1999, and as a Metrology Project/Financial Manager September 1999 until present, serving at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Measurement Science Directorate, Corona, California. Mr. Whitfield demonstrated exceptional professional competence and dedication in the performance of his demanding duties. Possessing superior organizational, managerial and technical knowledge, Mr. Whitfield provided invaluable insight into the development, standup and continued execution of the highly successful Naval Air Systems Command Metrology and Calibration Product Support Team. His personal efforts, knowledge, attention to detail and dedicated commitment to excellence was critical to the success of the Product Support Team and its ability to provide effective management of a team of over 300 professional metrology personnel, supporting naval aviation requirements worldwide. He expertly managed and executed all Naval Air Systems Command resources provided to the Measurement Science Directorate to support the metrology and calibration Product Support Team, optimizing engineering, logistics, and metrology support to 1,409 Naval Aviation activities and over 450,000 critical aviation support equipment assets.

Mr. Whitfield's dedication to duty and exceptional performance reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

MICHAEL C. BACHMANN
Rear Admiral, USN

"Possessing superior organizational, managerial and technical knowledge, Mr. Whitfield provided invaluable insight into the development, standup and continued execution of the highly successful Naval Air Systems Command Metrology and Calibration Product Support Team."

Michael C. Bachmann
RADML, USN

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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IN REPLY REFER TO

1650
Ser PEO(W)/143
22 Jul 03

From: Program Executive Officer, Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation
To: Edvin Khanlarian

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your personal commitment and noteworthy achievements in contributing to the successful developmental demonstration efforts of the Tactical Tomahawk Penetrator Variant (TTPV) Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (ACTD) program. Your efforts directly contributed to the successful completion of the two penetration demonstration flight tests defeating a simulated hardened Weapons of Mass Destruction target. The performance of these activities was highly successful and was the result of countless hours of difficult work performed by you.

2. Your outstanding initiative, professionalism, work ethic, dedication, commitment, personal sacrifice, and technical expertise epitomize the overall excellence that continues to be a symbol of the Tomahawk Block IV Program. Of significance was your technical contributions and support for the conduct of the TTPV missile's test equipment. Your efforts directly contributed to the successful Divine Canberra flight test program and have made it possible for development of a go forward plan for further assessments of future Penetrator missile integration opportunities.

3. I especially wish to extend thanks and appreciation to you for the knowledge, professionalism, and willingness to "get the job done and done well." On behalf of all the members of the Tomahawk Team, a hearty BRAVO ZULU for an Outstanding Job!

J. V. CHENEVEY

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
CORONA DIVISION
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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1 Oct 03

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Program Executive Officer, Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, ltr 1650, Ser PEO(W)/143 of 22 Jul 03

From: Commanding Officer
To: Edvin Khanlarian

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. Delivered with congratulations and pleasure. WELL DONE!

Great job on an important national program!

S. C. MILLER CAPT, USN

Copy to:
MS 00: Arman Hovakemian
MS 10: Luis Cortes

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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7100 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-7100

QS

Mr. Greg Johnson
Manager, Quality Engineering Division
Commanding Officer Naval Surface Warfare Center
Corona Division
P.O. Box 5000
Corona, CA 92878-5000

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please extend my sincere appreciation to one of your employees, Mr. Mike Bond, for his exceptional contributions to establishing and executing the MDA mission assurance program.

MDA is committed to institutionalizing the mission assurance principles and practices critical to fielding an effective missile defense capability. Mr. Bond has proven an invaluable asset through extraordinary leadership, tenacity and technical skill. He has played a critical leadership role in nearly every aspect of MDA's mission assurance program including developing agency wide policies and provisions, development of an effective field presence, educating the MDA community, and fostering agency wide relationships. The remarkable contributions of NSWC Corona team, under Mr. Bond's guidance and leadership, have demonstrated the value of a long-term partnership with MDA QS. He has shown extraordinary talent to motivate and achieve consensus despite tight deadlines, demanding expectations, volatile requirements and diverse strongly held positions from senior leaders. Despite these challenges Mr. Bond has exhibited the highest levels of decorum, professionalism and enthusiasm.

Finally, Mr. Bond has made significant personal sacrifices to provide long term on-site support to MDA QS headquarters in Washington, DC. During this period he is consistently selected to lead our most challenging projects with agency wide impact and visibility.

It is often said that no one person is indispensable; however, it is hard to envision a successful scenario that did not include Mr. Bond. He is truly a world-class expert in the fields of mission assurance and quality.

Sincerely,

RANDOLPH R. STONE
Director
Safety, Quality and Mission Assurance

cc:
Mr. Patrick S. McGlynn/MDA/QS

Letter of Appreciation

Stacey Buckman

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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IN REPLY REFER TO
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PMA265-15/1835
1 JUL 03

From: Program Executive Officer, Tactical Aircraft Program (PMA265)
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR MR. STACEY BUCKMAN

1. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Stacey Buckman for his exemplary efforts in support of PMA-265. During the period March 3-14, 2003, Mr. Buckman was an integral member of the Royal Malaysian Air Force F/A-18D Foreign Military Sales Program Logistics Team.

2. During this period, Mr. Buckman completed a thorough assessment of the Royal Malaysian Air Force Precision Measuring Equipment Laboratory capability. His in-depth analysis uncovered numerous discrepancies that were severely limiting laboratory capabilities. He then formulated and presented a comprehensive plan to restore the facility to full operating capacity and guard against future deficiencies. Despite the short time period to complete the audit, Mr. Buckman completed this demanding task in a dedicated and extremely professional manner.

3. Mr. Buckman's superb efforts and tireless dedication reflect great credit upon the United States Navy, the Royal Malaysian Air Force F/A-18D Foreign Military Sales Program Logistics Team and himself. Please accept my sincere congratulations on a job "Well Done".

James G. Wallace
By direction

"...appreciation to Mr. Stacey Buckman for his exemplary efforts in support of PMA-265. ...an integral member of the Royal Malayian Air Force F/A-18D Foreign Military Sales Program Logistics Team."

James G. Wallace
Program Executive Officer, Director
Tactical Aircraft Prom (PMA265)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
12450
Ser C/168
31 Aug 04

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Office of the Secretary of Defense Certificate of Appreciation of 18 Jun 03

From: Commanding Officer
To: Steve Belfield

Subj: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

1. Delivered with congratulations and pleasure. WELL DONE! ! Great Work Steve

S. C. MILLER
CAPT, USN

Copy to:
T: J. V. Fishell
TB: R. M. McCune
TB: W. J. Demint

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1650
Ser PEO(W)CT/03-191
6 March 2003

From: Program Executive Officer, Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation
To: Mr. Edvin Khanlarian
Via: Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your personal commitment and noteworthy achievements in helping to conduct the first highly successful Underwater Tactical Tomahawk (Block IV) Cruise Missile Development Test Launch (DT-1). Of special note is the personal sacrifice you contributed in support of the Holiday weekend test operation, which enabled the Tactical Tomahawk Program to stay on schedule.

2. Your outstanding initiative, professional work ethic, and expertise were instrumental to the overall excellence that has become a symbol of the Tactical Tomahawk (Block IV Program). Of significance were your technical contributions and support for the conduct of the DT-1 missile's ATE/PETS/JPETS process. Your efforts directly contributed to the successful DT-1 flight test and have helped to solidify the Tactical Tomahawk (Block IV) as the next generation premier weapon in the world.

3. The superb teamwork displayed by you was instrumental in the completion of this critical weapons system test evolution. On behalf of all the members of the Tomahawk Test and Evaluation Team, a hearty BRAVO ZULU for a Job Well Done!

J. V. CHENEVEY

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
12450
Ser C/111
23 Jul 03

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Program Executive Officer, Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation ltr 1650, Ser PEO(W)CT/03-191 of 6 Mar 03

From: Commanding Officer
To: Mr. Edvin Khanlarian

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. Delivered with congratulations and pleasure. ~~WELL DONE!~~ Great Job!!

S. C. MILLER

Copy to:
MS 00: Arman Hovakemian
MS 10: Luis Cortes

Great job! Keep up the good work.

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RMKS/1. THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PAC JTFEX 03-2 MARKS THE END OF PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING FOR THE NIMITZ BATTLE GROUP. WARFARE COMMANDERS AND SENIOR OFFICER OBSERVER TEAM MEMBERS FOUND YOUR SUPERB EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO IMPROVING PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE. RAPID FEEDBACK PROVIDED AT SEA AND DETAILED POST-EX RECONSTRUCTION AND ANALYSIS ARE CRITICAL ELEMENTS IN OBTAINING MAXIMUM TRAINING VALUE FROM SUCH EXERCISES.

2. PLEASE PASS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NSWC TEAM: STEVE BOURGEOIS, P.J. BYRNE, STAN HITCHCOCK, DIEGO LEON, ROBERT MONTANO, VICEN MORALES, PAM MYERS, AND SCOTT PAULO; DYNCORP STAFF RICHARD CORDOVA AND SAL HERNANDEZ; BOOZ ALLEN STAFF DOUG COSLEY AND GEORGIO PAUL; SCORE STAFF MEMBER RON DORIS; AND ESCO STAFF MEMBER JORGE FERRIN. YOU HAVE HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PREPARING THIS FINE BATTLE GROUP FOR FORWARD DEPLOYED OPERATIONS. BRAVO ZULU! VADM BUCCHI SENDS.//

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Ser TSC/241
1 May 00

From: Director of Theater Air Missile Defense and Systems Engineering
To: Commander, Naval Warfare Assessment Station, Corona

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. It is my pleasure to recognize the outstanding support provided by Mr. Kevin Van Den Oever to the Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) test events in 1999. These complex test events are critical to demonstrating the benefit to the warfighter of an interoperable Battle Group combat system comprising CEC, the Aegis Weapon System, Advanced Combat Direction System and Command and Control Processor.

2. As an Analysis and Assessment Engineer, his efforts were instrumental to the success we achieved this past year. He provided in-depth analysis and assessment of test objectives and assisted in the identification and isolation of areas requiring further improvement. The assistance he provided in the development of data reduction programs to support the quick conversion of data into information supported critical program decisions. In addition, he assisted in the coordination and preparation of Data Analysis Working Groups. His professionalism and commitment to our success were noteworthy.

3. CEC represents an extraordinary fleet capability that networks battle group sensors, enabling ships and aircraft to operate as a single distributed air defense system. As we proceed toward CEC OPEVAL and subsequent deployment I am sure we will continue to demand the best from our team. It is through the efforts of individuals like Mr. Van Den Oever that I am confident in our ultimate success.

4. Please express my sincere gratitude and admiration for a job well done.

K. K. PAIGE
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Department of the Navy

Team Achievement Award

Kevin Van Den Oever

is hereby recognized as having made a significant contribution toward the Developmental Testing (DT-IIB) of the Cooperative Engagement Capability production version AN/USG-2 system. Your superb performance of duty during this period was vital in the preparation, coordination and execution of events leading to this significant achievement.

The success of DT-IIB allowed for Operational Testing (OT-IIA1), required for initial production, and the continued Fleet tactical use of this extraordinary warfighting capability.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
12000
Ser TSC/150
13 May 2002

From: Program Executive Office Theater Surface Combatants
To: Mr. Mark Potter

Subj: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge you and your superb efforts for the outstanding contributions you made to the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team, Data Analysis Working Groups for NIMTZ BG test events.

2. Your professional attitude; technical knowledge, and attention to detail ensured this in-depth analysis provided the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team the key information for making critical decisions regarding the "Road Ahead" for the NIMITZ Battle Group. Your efforts in the analysis of the NIMITZ SSDS system performance and helping in identifying computer program corrections and Tactical and Training Procedures (TTP) to address the systems deficiencies is a major factor in preparing the USS NIMITZ and the NIMTZ Battle Group for deployment.

3. Team members like you make the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team a success. I commend you for a job "well done" and thank you for your continued superb support of the NIMITZ Battle Group Action Team and the interoperability of the NIMITZ Battle Group.

D. MITCHELL
Technical Director

Copy to:
CDR Kavanaugh
CO, NORC

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MAY 11 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DUANE COLEMAN

Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION

The purpose of this letter is to recognize the outstanding coordination you and the other members of the Corona staff provided during the recent Validation and Verification (V&V) Conference.

The Navy is working hard to develop effective V&V processes for the purpose of using V&V as a capability verification tool to support Probability of Raid Annihilation (Pra) assessment and other key activities in the future. This conference directly contributed to that goal by helping participants understand requirements, existing capabilities and areas where improvement is needed.

Your personal participation and close attention to detail helped to focus this event on the task at hand. It was obvious that a lot of thought and effort went into this to ensure the meeting was professionally organized and productive. Of special note was the management of meeting logistics: briefing coordination, parking, security and check-in, arrangements for lunch and refreshments, post-meeting networking social and the timely, professionally packaged delivery of the minutes and briefings to the participants.

This will continue to be a complex and challenging undertaking that will require dedication and persistence. The professionalism and technical expertise at Corona are key resources we will continue to draw upon in making these goals a reality. You have my sincere appreciation and thanks for your efforts thus far and encourage your continued involvement as we press forward on this path.

D. M. Altwegg
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Theater Combat Systems

Copy to:
Commanding Officer, NSWC Corona
Director, Performance Assessment Division, NSWC Corona

P.S. Pls accept enclosed coin as recognition of special effort