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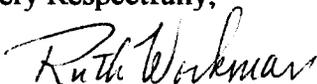
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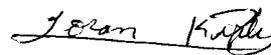
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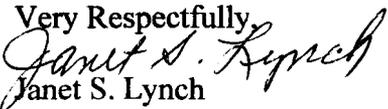
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I am particularly concerned with the move of the Chemical/Biological function from Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (Crane Chem/Bio), located on NAVSUPACT CRANE, IN to the US Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Aberdeen, Maryland. I have several specific concerns as follows:

I. Cost.

The whole goal of the BRAC act was to save DOD money by eliminating unneeded facilities.

According to the Department of Defense Base Closure and Realignment Report, Volume I, Part 2 of 2: Detailed Recommendations dated May 2005 (BRAC Report), section 8: Recommendations – Medical Joint Cross-Services Group, “Joint Centers of Excellence for Chemical, Biological, and Medical Research and Development and Acquisition” (BRAC report pages Med-15 to Med-19) total twenty year savings for moving a maximum of 559 direct jobs and 582 indirect jobs from various activities to Aberdeen Proving Ground were given as \$46.0 M.

I believe that these savings were grossly over exaggerated and that moving Crane Chem/Bio results in increased costs to the taxpayer to perform the same work.

I will base the discussion from this point on the MED CR0028R COBRA Results As of 5 May 2005 (Cobra) (Which, by the way, does not agree with the jobs numbers reported in the BRAC report) and on the reported labor rates for the affected facilities.

A. One time costs.

Cobra reports one time costs for moving Crane Chem/Bio as \$3,775,974 (Cobra page 12) with no one-time cost savings.

Note that Crane Chem Bio's 49 work years represent 20% of the total Chem/Bio force being moved to Aberdeen. Therefore 20% of the Aberdeen Mil-Con costs are accountable to the Crane Chem/Bio relocation.

Cobra reports one time Mil-Con costs at Aberdeen of \$11,911,931. Crane's portion would be 20% or \$2,382,386

B. Recurring costs.

Cobra reports a recurring civilian salary savings at Crane of \$532,000. This represents the salaries of 57 people who would no longer be employed at Crane (or \$9,333.33 per person?)

Cobra reports a recurring civilian salary cost at Aberdeen of \$831,000. This represents the salaries of 246 people who would be employed at Aberdeen. (or \$3,378.05 per person?)

Obviously these last two numbers do not reflect reality. Lets look at it based on stabilized rates that reflect the real cost to the taxpayer for work performed.

Using the FY07 rates (which are the furthest out that I have access to at this time) Crane Chem/Bio employees cost \$69.92 per hour. For a 1720 hour work year that would equal \$120,262 per man-year.

That same man-year worked at Aberdeen would cost \$155,866 (based on NSWDC Dahlgren's stabilized FY07 rate of \$90.62 as Navy personnel at Aberdeen would be a Dahlgren detachment working under Dahlgren's rates. (Note that the Cobra civilian locality pay factor is the same for Dahlgren and Aberdeen), or \$35,604 more per man-year than if the work remained at Crane.

Based on the 49 man-years forecasted to be required at Aberdeen that would be a recurring cost of \$1,744,616 per year or \$34,892,320 in additional labor costs over the twenty years of the study.

Also Cobra projects facility savings at Crane. However since Crane Chem/Bio occupies a brand new Mil-Con building, it is very highly unlikely that the facility would be torn down or mothballed. (It would also be a criminal waste of taxpayer dollars.) Facility savings are not addressed in the above \$35M total.

C. Cobra assumption of work year reduction.

While the title of the scenario was Development and Acquisition, the definition of acquisition included fielding and sustainment. Cobra assumes that of the 57 work years to be relocated from Crane to Aberdeen 8 can be eliminated due to increased synergy and efficiency. I take issue with this assumption for the following reasons.

1. Crane personnel deal with Army Chem/Bio personnel on a limited basis, interacting primarily through phone and email contacts. According to current plans Crane Chem/Bio, and Army personnel would be located in different buildings at Aberdeen so current business practices probably wouldn't change. While some meetings do occur most of these are at contractor facilities and all services representatives travel to that facility to examine the equipment and or testing being discussed.

2. While all chem/bio systems are already acquired jointly, Navy personnel are focused

on making sure the acquired system meets Navy specific requirements, just as Army personnel seek to fulfill Army requirements and Air Force personnel seek to fulfill Air Force requirements.

As an example of why this Navy focused function cannot be eliminated please consider the following case. Space aboard US Navy ships is at a premium and maintenance of equipment must take that space restriction into account. Neither the Army nor the Air Force deal with as stringent of a limitation (space abounds at Army and Air Force bases for removing and maintaining equipment.) During the initial design and prototyping of the Joint Biological Point Detection System the designer required access to all four sides of the equipment for maintenance. While the other services had no problem with this, for the Navy it was a showstopper. The Navy doesn't have the internal space to allow for access to all four sides of the equipment. We needed all access to be through the front of the cabinet. The representatives of the other services did not consider this as they were focused on fulfilling the needs of their own services.

Additionally, this space limitation affects intake and exhaust locations and lengths, power requirements, consumables amounts and storage, interference or interaction with other equipments etc. All concerns that require a considerable amount of time to satisfy.

Navy requirements are unique enough that the task to track that each system meets these requirements for the Navy cannot be eliminated. Further complexity is added by the fact that these requirements can vary depending on the ship class, or even within the class.

Likewise fielding (designing the installation and integration of the Chem/Bio systems into the ship) and sustainment (including fleet support, radiation tracking, training etc) of these common systems within the Navy must be maintained.

Therefore I seriously doubt that these 8 positions could be eliminated. There are no further efficiencies to be gained by moving Crane Chem/Bio as, for the most part, the work does not overlap. (Note that retention of these 8 needed positions would add \$1.247M per year to the labor cost)

D. Total cost above and beyond the costs of performing the work at Crane to relocate Crane Chem/Bio to Aberdeen

One time cost (Crane)	\$3,775,974
One Time Cost (Aberdeen)	\$2,382,386
Recurring cost (labor)	\$34,892,320
Recurring cost (8 wy)	\$24,938,624
Total cost to move Crane Chem/Bio	\$65,989,304

Remember from the BRAC report that the total projected savings for this scenario were \$46.0M.

II. Joint Center of Excellence?

While the title of this recommendation leads one to believe that all Chem/Bio research

development and acquisition would be combined that is not the case. The Navy's sustainment function would be moving to Aberdeen, but the Army sustainment function would remain at Rock Island, the Air Force sustainment function would remain at Warner Robbins AFB and the Marine Corps Sustainment function would stay at Quantico and Albany Georgia. The USMC acquisition function would also stay at Quantico.

Why move the Navy's support functions while not moving the others?

III. Brain Drain.

The BRAC Report assumes that 37 of 57 Crane Chem/Bio employees would relocate to Aberdeen. This is greatly exaggerated also. The employees of Crane Chem/Bio are for the most part native Hoosiers. Their families go back generations in this area. They are used to low traffic, low cost of living, wide open spaces to live in and play in. The area is convenient to the big city but far enough away that it suffers few of the big city problems. A few areas to consider:

A. Housing.

A roughly 2000 sq ft new home in the Aberdeen area costs about \$410K A new 2000sq ft home at Crane costs about \$150K. (Good quality used homes on acreage can be had for not much more). The average Crane Chem/Bio employee will never be able to own a home in the Aberdeen area.

B. Traffic.

It takes roughly 30 minutes to drive the thirty miles from Bedford or Bloomington to the Crane Chem/Bio building. In this area a traffic jam is defined as 6 or more cars behind a school bus or tractor. Big urban area traffic is unknown at Crane.

C. Recreation.

Hunting and Fishing opportunities are widespread in the Crane area. Of course the base itself has 800 acre Lake Greenwood but there are an abundance of lakes and farm ponds throughout the area. There are also numerous huntable woods for deer, turkey, and other small game. I doubt that hunting is looked upon kindly in Maryland.

D. Spousal employment/ family issues.

The Crane Chem/Bio workers do not live in a vacuum. They have spouses and children that must be accounted for. Several of the workers are from farm families or own livestock. Several spouses have their own established careers in this area. Children are planted in schools and churches and surrounded by friends. Grandparents and extended families are here in Indiana.

E. Misc standard of living.

Rising above mere costs and opportunities is something called home. Indiana is home to the workers at Crane Chem/Bio. Aberdeen never will be.

In order to relocate we'd have to abandon family and history and our entire way of life. Most (upwards of 85%) won't relocate, on the one hand we can't afford to and on the other hand we wouldn't want to.

This will, at a stroke, eliminate almost all the corporate knowledge for installing and supporting Chem/Bio detection devices on board Navy ships. A knowledge base extending back to the earliest Chem/Bio detectors fielded in the Navy- dating back to the early 1980's with the fielding and Depot repair of the AN/KAS-1 Chemical Warfare Directional Detector.

IV. Summary:

In summary, since the business practices won't change (we'll still communicate with other personnel based at Aberdeen via phone and email), and since the cost of living in the Aberdeen area precludes most of us from relocating, and since the cost of relocating Crane Chem/Bio negates the total projected savings of the entire scenario, relocating Crane Chem/Bio to Aberdeen makes neither economic nor military sense.

Therefore, as our 8th District Representative, I ask that you do all that is in your power to voice to the BRAC Commissioners that you strongly recommend the removal of the realignment and relocation of Crane Chem/Bio from the BRAC decision and continue having this work performed at NAVSUPPACT CRANE, IN.

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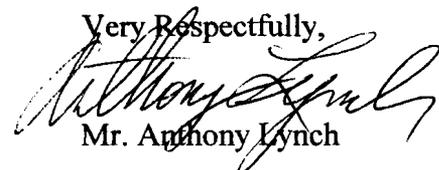
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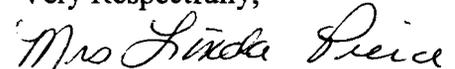
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I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not followed sound judgement in making some of it's recommendations. Data available on the DOD website (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it is going to cost \$150M to move the 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly \$1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website (www.fas.org) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend \$150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

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Restating our **TECHNICAL ASSETS** you make not be aware of:

NSWC Crane is considered a one-stop shop in support of Pyrotechnic, Demolition, Small Arms and Gun Ammunition Acquisition which enable us to acquire, test, store and provide additional support and technical assistance for the life of those items. We continually strive to give the Warfighter the safest and highest quality product in the shortest time and at the best value. Below are some of the advantages we have that us do just that and how to recognize how to constantly make improvements in meeting that goal.

1) These Acquisition personnel currently maintain ownership and control of technical documentation for several hundred Pyrotechnic and Demolition items alone as well as a growing number of technical manuals for various sponsors. The number of each is constantly increasing due to continual development of new items and also due to our continued success recognized by our various sponsors.

2) At sponsor request and with great success, our Acquisition personnel have been facilitating contracts for the majority of our large and small scale procurements through Crane contracting personnel rather than employing contracting personnel from other facility. This proximity to the technical personnel greatly improves the support of that contract which allows for quicker receipt of assets to the fleet.

3) Crane maintains/operates various ordnance test ranges that enable us to perform acceptance tests locally with technical personnel present as well as enabling us perform qualification testing for new items. This helps ensure the quality of the assets by giving continual expose to the end items and improved transfer of information between the test personnel and technical personnel.

4) Crane Pyrotechnic and Demolition personnel assist in the verification and/or the high volume of fleet assets that are in storage at Crane Army and Crane Navy. This support would be lost in realign our function elsewhere. 5) Crane Acquisition personnel also have access to various other organizations within than Crane that enable us to better perform our function. Having local access to the organizations such as Chemical laboratory analysis, electronics expertise as well as in some cases the originating research and development organization is immeasurably valuable in achieving quick resolutions to assorted issues that require additional technical consultation and in conducting various analyses.

5) The current one-stop shop concept allows all in the process to constantly be aware of and looking for possible improvements to all processes as well as suggestions for possible improvements to the items themselves, such as improved test methods, material changes, handling issues, making conversions to electronics when possible and potential cost savings.

6) Our sponsors, who cover all services, recognize that Crane is has always responsive, innovative, technically superior and affordable in support of their work efforts. As our reputation for delivering quality and safe products to our various customers when they are needed and at an affordable cost, a continually increasing amount work has been forwarded. In some cases, work deemed unsatisfactorily conducted at those facilities to where we are to be realigned has removed and sent to NSWC Crane for completion. Sponsors recognize our efforts and have not been pleased that they are forced to go somewhere other than to where they have confidence in our results.

Reevaluation of COST SAVINGS:

It has alleged that substantial costs would be saved in realign the Pyrotechnic, Demolition, Small Arms and Gun Ammunition Acquisition personnel to other facilities. There are a few areas of concerns to lead many to question the validity of the cost savings.

1) One miscalculation the BRAC recommendations made was the assumption that 75% of affected personnel would choose to relocate to the new facility if offered. This is an incorrectly and unfounded assumption. The majority of civilian personnel choose to work for the federal government to serve our country in a way that most civilians will not do. We serve our country in some fields at a greatly reduced salary than those in the same or similar fields in commercial industry. In return for acceptance of voluntarily accepting this, we also make an assumption – the assumption that we will have job security that will enable to establish roots where we can raise our families without fear of the required relocation of our families that is often the case in commercial world. An informal straw pole conducted of those affected at Crane revealed that those that would willing to relocate with the realigned function would more realistically be between 5 to 15 percent. For those considering opting to follow the function the new

facilities, the decision would also hinge on whether they received a significant pay raise to compensate, if nothing else, for the move from the very low cost of living area to one of the high cost of living areas such as China Lake, CA or Picatinny, NJ. As a result, most of the key experience and working knowledge of the items within these areas would not be transferred and be therefore lost.

2) One would often correctly expect that it would require roughly the same amount of personnel or work years to perform a function regardless of where the function is performed. If so, it would also be logical to anticipate that any cost variation of performing a function at one facility versus another would depend of the hourly rate or labor rate of each facility. Since Crane has one of the lowest labor rates versus the high labor of our possible realignment locations, it remains unclear as to how moving a function to where a labor rate.

With the information we been given, I can see no realistic way that the amount of savings stated in the BRAC Recommendations to realigning the Pyrotechnic, Demolition, Small Arms and Gun Ammunition Acquisition functions to other facilities. Based on simply the two points above, the functions are currently being performed here by those most experienced with the procurement and production assistance and the items themselves and being performed at a low labor rate. If realigned to the current recommendations, these functions would be need to be filled with new inexperienced personnel who would then be performing them at a much higher labor rate. As everyone is aware it cost money to gain experience. These new Acquisition personnel would require significant training to gain knowledge and would likely to learn from mistakes in order to gain experience. Both are costly prospects – costly in money and costly in effects on the Warfighters when a novice does not possess the necessary experience to detect questionable material/methods. In this time high Warfighter activity, I do not believe we can afford to leave the support of the Warfighter in the hands of those untrained and inexperience personnel.

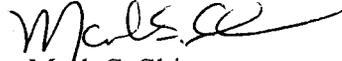
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We hope the BRAC Commission will reconsider the recommendations to realign work from NWSC Crane by reexamining the validity of the stated cost savings and look at the Return on Investment requirement under BRAC law when factoring in experience transfer and loss, labor rates, facility construction cost, etc.

With the current threats to which our Warfighters are continually exposed in the Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism, it is also our hope that the BRAC Commission will also consider the consequences of implement the recommendations. Implementation regrettably would surely result in natural but unavoidable disruptions and delays that would prevent the Warfighters from

obtaining the safest and highest quality product in the shortest time and at the best value.

Very Respectfully,



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