



BRAC Commission

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ATTENTION: Chairman Anthony J. Principi
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you so much for arranging the hearing time in Atlanta for representatives of the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS). I believe the hearing chairman, Sam Skinner, will relay to you that we used the time wisely. The questions and dialogue after our testimony was perhaps the most valuable segment of the session.

The AGAUS is working on alternatives to the Future Total Force (FTF) plan to meet Air Force needs while ensuring a relevant and robust Air National Guard into the twenty-first century. Technical questions to Title 10 service members and other DOD personnel on this subject area have been commonplace over the past few weeks. However, the BRAC process has added a significant degree of tension that urges caution when DOD employees discuss specific ideas that might be construed as promoting alternatives to official DOD BRAC recommendations. So while much discussion is going on the Adjutants General were reluctant to reveal details at the hearing.

Within about a week I believe the AGAUS can present to the BRAC Commission an alternative look at the Future Total Force for the Air National Guard. Working under the same severe time constraint as the Commission will prevent providing a complete analytical package. However, the quality of the recommendations will become immediately apparent to you. You will see ideas that answer critical homeland security concerns while providing the various states with opportunities to transition smoothly to new missions thus preserving the unequalled experience for which the Air National Guard is renowned.

With your permission I will work with your staff to schedule a suitable time for presenting our ideas in the very near future.

As we have testified, the BRAC process is vital to meeting future defense and homeland security needs. The vast majority of work and recommendations is solid and deserving of full consideration. The AGAUS hopes the Commission will combine these elements of the BRAC recommendation with our recommendations for a total package worthy of the President's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger P. Lempke".

ROGER P. LEMPKE
Major General
President, AGAUS