

General James T. Hill USA (Ret)
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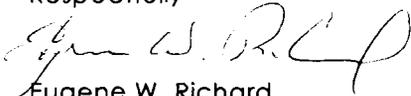
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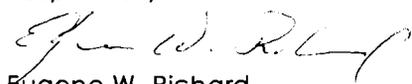
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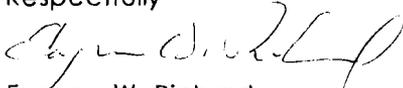
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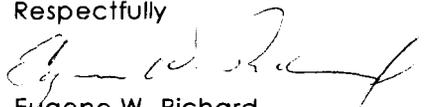
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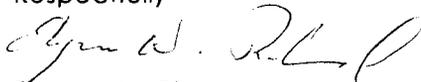
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TO: BRAC COMMISSION STAFF

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SUBJECT: PRIOR BRAC REPORTS TO THE
PRESIDENT

PRIOR TO MY RETIREMENT IN 1998, I
WAS THE DATA BASE MANAGER FOR THE
MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK "AUTODIN"
(NOW EXTINCT).

I WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF
THE BRAC REPORTS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
BRAC 1988, BRAC 1991 AND BRAC 1995.
I OBTAINED A COPY OF THE 1993 BRAC
REPORT DATED JULY 1, 1993 FROM THE
THEN BRAC OFFICE ON NORTH MOORE
STREET IN ARLINGTON.

THE RATIONALE FOR THIS REQUEST IS
THAT I WISH TO KNOW HOW THE BRAC
CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT AFFECTED
THE AUTODIN DATA BASE THAT I MAINTAINED
FOR MANY YEARS.

I AM WILLING TO PAY THE SHIPPING
CHARGES.

THANKING YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE
YOU CAN GIVE ME,
/

RESPECTFULLY,

T. D. ATHLETON
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT
SPECIALIST (RET.)

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Info Section
DBRAC Comm.
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Dear Sirs.

I recently followed some of the BRAC
hearings on C-SPAN T.V.

If possible, would you please send me
a copy of the BRAC report.

please send to:

Mr. Glenn Truhen

C/o P.O. Box 465

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Thanks very much,



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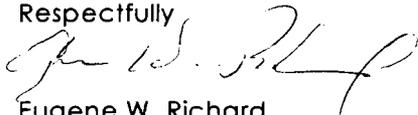
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Excess Military Capacity Necessary for Future Conflicts

I recently responded to an article in the *Defense News* that indicated that the BRAC should not listen to local people who have economic consideration for their local economy, and that it was a good thing to close the "old depots" of the Army. He believed that we could rely on private industry for our needs.

Having been a contracting officer with substantial experience, I must respectfully disagree with the article. Our government has made a needed investment in the arsenals, ammunition plants, and depots primarily for quick response and mobilization. Some of the facilities were sized to meet the demands of past wars that have happened. This capacity is always considered excess in times of peace, but is always needed when we are threatened in war or national emergencies.

Some politicians and their supporters have tried to eliminate this mobilization capability, gambling that the private sector could respond to emergencies by their switching from consumer production to war-material production. A review of the production buildup for World War II and even Korea will demonstrate the folly in this thought process. For example, in May 1952, 23 months after North Korea invaded South Korea, the chief of staff of the Army notified Congress that the Army was rationing ammunition in Korea. Why? Because production had not reached the levels necessary to replace consumption, and almost the entire World War II inventory of certain types of ammunition had been depleted.

During the Vietnam War, many things were modified in the field to better suit the actual need, and the design sent back to the arsenals to quickly make drawings and an adequate inventory. Thank God for the arsenals and their responsiveness to field demands and quick turn-around time, for this saved many lives of troops in combat.

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arsenals and depots of the Army do that under a law called the Arsenal Act.

During the Clinton Administration, there was extensive consolidation to quickly realize the peace dividend. Later, at a 2004 House Armed Service Committee's panel overseeing land forces, Richard Palaschak of the Munitions Industrial Base Task Force told Congress that the defense consolidation throughout the 1990s greatly diminished the U.S. industrial base capable of producing ammunition required by the military. Currently there is not enough capacity among American companies to meet the demand. U.S. companies would need financial incentives to make the investments in facilities and equipment to meet the military's needs, he told the committee. This is true not only of ammunition but of many items needed by our military for a conventional war.

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George T. Nickolas
Davenport

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For more background
I will be happy
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The arsenals, Army ammunition plants, and depots have standby capability that is needed in emergencies. We have seen this value during the current "war on terror," and in previous wars and emergencies. They have trained people who can begin work immediately without the need of contracts and time-consuming negotiations of cost and prices. The

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Yeah, it pushes the envelope, but that is the neat thing about it. You know? You don't see stuff like that very often. Like director Robert Rodriguez, these guys seem to thrive on doing things that theatrical traditions say they can't. It's a bold vision ... and one hell of a risk for this area.

I would recommend checking it out ... but don't bring the kids! It's definitely not a kids' show.

Shaine Thomas
Bettendorf

ANTHONY WAYNE STATUE. Sculpted by Henry K. Bush-Brown, the statue was unveiled in 1908. It stands on the hillside where General Wayne's Pennsylvania troops camped during the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental army. (Photo by Ken Block)

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Sir,

We have watched at least a half dozen base closure proceedings. We wonder and ask what criteria to arrive at your findings seem to have gotten so screwed up? Too few on commission? Too many software? Location, location, location for investors?

T. G. Bones.

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Sirs;

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I am an old 23 year Veteran of World War II and some of the decisions you are making to me seem utterly wrong. When I retired from the Military I moved here to Calif.

as I liked the climate here as it never gets very cold and it never gets very hot. But then I read in the paper you are closing Fort Ord Ca. and so you did it. That a big mistake that was. It is the only Military Base on the central part of the West Coast. Now I see in the paper you are considering closing not one base but two bases here on the West Coast again. The DLI and the Navy Post Graduate School. Then we have no protection from China or Korea or even Russia if they should decide to invade our country from the West. I think many of you have lost your minds and are a little crazy. I dont know how you 3 voters ever got on the Commission but I think that we should elect some Commission. You all are as crazy as World War II. We too should be kicked out of Office. You are leaving many people here on the West Coast defenseless as if we are ever attacked. There are many Forts in the North in Washington but that is a long distance from California. Also you have some Navy Bases in San Diego but they are also a long way from the central part of our Country. It is my personal feeling that you should all get lost, Why not place the Air Force Academy in Colorado and put them back where they belong under the US Army. We still have Fort Carson there in Colorado. I think you all are a bunch of stupid idiots. Closing all these bases. Why not reduce your salaries or better still close that stupid space shuttle in Florida. That is a big waste of Govt Money. As I said you are all crazy.

Yours

Allan Mac Donald

PS; I dont know how Mr. Big Norton or Mr. Harold Selby ever made their rank but if they had even served under me in WWII I'd have sent them anything higher than PFC.

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These are copies
of petitions submitted
to Governor Rell. (for BRAC).

18 year old Alexander
Moore took it upon himself
to launch the petition drive
in Seymour, CT.

Health issues preclude Alex's
enlistment. His father is a
Navy Reserve & Air Force Veteran,
who gave 22 years to this country.

Alexander Moore



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