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Mr. Frank Cirillo
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Dear Mr. Cirillo:

This letter responds to your request concerning Special Forces requirements and Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane's capabilities. Your request follows.

NSWC Crane personnel described how dependent various Special Forces groups are on NSWC Crane. NSWC Crane turns around projects in a seamless fashion, without having to send work to various organizations. It can do development, test, evaluation, sustainment, etc. Follow-on briefings from Special Forces organizations support this contention. Please evaluate Special Forces requirements and NSWC Crane's capabilities, and consider whether the DoD recommendation and/or the number of personnel involved should be modified. If so, please indicate and provide a modified Cost of BRAC Actions (COBRA).

The key tenet of all Technical Joint Cross Service Group (TJCSG) analyses was the ability to meet current and future mission capabilities. This is consistent with the TJCSG Final Report, Technical Joint Cross service Group Analyses and Recommendations, Volume XII, Appendix B, May 19, 2005. Embedded within mission capabilities are measures of quick response capabilities. This military value was considered in the development of all scenarios. The recommendations forwarded by the Secretary of Defense are consistent with this analysis.

In terms of personnel, the transition and development of intellectual capital from all donor sites, including Crane, are part of scenario development. There is no need to reassess these factors and modify COBRA.



Thank you for the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AR Shaffer', written in a cursive style.

Alan R. Shaffer
Executive Director
Technical Joint Cross Service Group