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Mr. Frank Cirillo
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Dear Mr. Cirillo:

This responds to your request concerning Technical Joint Cross Service Group recommendations. You requested a number of Cost of Base Realignment and Closure Actions (COBRA) reports and asked questions on two of the recommendations.

COBRA reports for four recommendations were provided to you on August 12th and the enclosure provides further information for your inquiry.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely,


Robert D. Buckstad
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**Technical Joint Cross Service Group (TJCSG) Response
to BRAC Commission Inquiry JCS #45
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BRAC Commission Request. “For each of the following TJCSG recommendations please provide revised COBRA reports showing the costs and savings for each of the individual actions contained within the following consolidated proposals.

- “1. Consolidate Maritime C4ISR Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation (Tech-9) [page Tech-9 of Detailed Recommendations on the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure website]
2. Create a Naval Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center [page] (Tech-15)
3. Create an Air Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center [page] (Tech-18)
4. Create an Integrated Weapons & Armaments Specialty Site for Guns and Ammunition [page] (Tech-19)
5. Defense Research Service Led Laboratories [page] (Tech-22)”

TJCSG Response. Discussion between Mr. Lester Farrington and Mr. Alan Shaffer on August 4 changed the recommendations that COBRAs were requested. Two of the requested scenarios were removed and one was added. The agreed to list of recommendations follow.

1. Consolidate Air and Space C4ISR Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation (page Tech-6)
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The COBRA reports for the recommendations on pages Tech-6, 9 and 22 were provided to you on August 12th. The documents are representative of the COBRA estimates for the individual pieces of each recommendation.

The COBRA reports for Create a Naval Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center, page Tech-15, have not been run. The TJCSG made a deliberative decision to recommend the individual actions contained within the scenario as an integrated whole. Implementing only parts of the recommendation is counter-productive, since it is the combined total of all the actions that creates the Center of Excellence that is intended by this recommendation. If individual actions are altered or removed, the cohesiveness of this recommendation would unravel and the creation of the Center of Excellence would be jeopardized. Therefore, individualized COBRA reports for the individual actions were not run.



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BRAC Commission Question 1. “The recommendation to Create an Air Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center [page] (Tech-18) includes an action to transfer 22 sustainment engineering personnel and 10 related support positions from the 84th Munitions Sustainment Group at Hill AFB to the Eglin AFB Munitions Product Center. What is the rationale for transferring the sustainment mission to Eglin? Does Eglin currently perform this mission? If this proposal is accepted, please explain how the Air Force will support future sustainment engineering responsibilities for air to ground munitions.”

TJCSG Response. Hill AFB identified 404 weapons and armaments positions in their certified data. Of these positions, 242 are sustainment related, 33 are in-service engineering related, and the remaining 129 are related to other weapon and armament functions. After careful consideration and deliberation, the recommendation realigned only those positions associated with in-service engineering. Therefore sustainment is not transferred to Eglin and there is no change to the Air Force's future sustainment engineering responsibilities for air to ground munitions.

BRAC Commission Question 2. “The recommendation to Establish Centers for Fixed Wing Air Platform RDAT&E [page] (Tech-24) includes an action to transfer 18 development and acquisition positions from the Hill AFB to Wright-Patterson, including eight from Hill's A-10 program office and nine from the landing gear program office. As we understand the issue, Hill AFB transferred funding for these positions to Wright-Patterson 3 years ago. Is this information correct? If funding for these functions has already been transferred, should this portion of the recommendation be deleted?”

TJCSG Response. The TJCSG is currently working with the Air Force on this question and will provide a follow-up response once completed.

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The TJCSG used certified data from the Air Force to formulate the recommendation Establish Centers for Fixed Wing Air Platform Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation. That data identified 17 Full Time Equivalent positions on Hill AFB performing fixed wing air platform research, development & acquisition functions. The data contained no mention of transferred funding. The TJCSG recommends that portion of the recommendation remain as part of the scenario.

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