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Dear Mr. Cirillo:

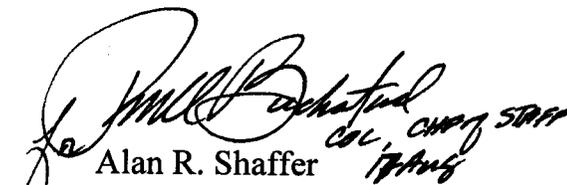
This letter responds to your request for information concerning the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations (BRAC). The specific request was:

One of the sub-recommendations of [page Tech -19] recommendation "Create an Integrated Weapons & Armaments Specialty Site for Guns and Ammunition" suggests the realignment of "Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Division Earle, NJ, by relocating weapons and armament packaging Research and Development & Acquisition (RD&A) to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ." Was this intended to include handling, storage, and transportation of ammunition as well? If Naval Warfare Station Earle is already the Packaging, Handling, Shipping, and Transportation (PHS&T) center for the Navy, why is BRAC pulling out a piece of this? Please explain your answers to both questions.

The intent of the sub-recommendation "Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Earle, NJ, by relocating weapon and armament packaging RD&A to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ." was to realign weapons and armament packaging, handling, shipping, and transportation Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation from Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Earle to Picatinny. This realignment encompasses the entire staff of the NSWC Division at Earle, in order to enable the creation of a joint PHS&T center.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your questions.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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