



Summary and Recommendations

It is imperative that the 131st Fighter Wing not be realigned or closed. This Nation cannot afford to lose its strategic central location for Homeland Defense. Its heartland must be protected, by the best aircraft, and by the best people.

- Review of the Secretary of Defense's significant deviations.

Substantial Deviations

- The Secretary of Defense substantially deviated from final criteria 1 because he did not adequately or accurately address homeland defense. The recommendation to realign Lambert IAP AGS is inconsistent with the National Security Strategy's highest priority for this nation's military.
- The Secretary of Defense substantially deviated from final criteria 1 through 4 because final Air Force criteria attributes were inadequate and did not accurately measure military value. Military judgment, used routinely, was arbitrary, inconsistent, and poorly documented. The recommendation to realign Lambert IAP AGS is inconsistent with the BRAC law.
- The Secretary of Defense substantially deviated from final criteria 4 and 5 because criteria attributes did not accurately measure or reflect the cost of operations, manpower impact, and cost savings. The recommendation to realign Lambert IAP AGS is inconsistent with final criteria.