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MEMORANDUM FOR AF/XOH 05 JUN 2003

FROM: SAF/IEB

SUBJECT: XO.030326.01 (XOH) CONUS Homeland Air Defense Steady State Program Action Directive (PAD)

I have had the opportunity to review subject PAD, and discuss the proposed 16 locations suggested by NORAD and outlined in the PAD with your staff.

The BRAC 2005 law is clear that the congressionally directed BRAC process is the exclusive means for selecting for closure or realignment, or for carrying out any closure or realignment of, a military installation located in the US until 15 Apr 06. However, there are previsions to allow *below threshold* basing decisions to proceed outside the BRAC 05 process. I suspect that all the suggested realignments fit the definition of below threshold actions, however a case-by-case determination will be required, and should be accomplished as part of the continuing action within the PAD. I would suggest that the following paragraph be added to page 3 of the PAD.

> "Specific basing decisions are provisional and conditioned to allow program planning to continue. The ultimate basing decision is subject to compliance with the applicable requirements of the Base Closure and Realignment process and the National Environmental Policy Act."

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