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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Admiral Gehman,

My name is Harry Farmer and I am a Senior Electronic Project Technician and Ordnance Team Leader/ Instructor at Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane. I have worked in the Code 4053 Missile Fuze Engineering and Maintenance Branch since 1984.

The reason I am writing you today is because I am one of the individuals that will be relocated if the current BRAC commission remains as first suggested. I believe that moving the Test and Evaluation from NSWC Crane will not accomplish the desired effect, which the BRAC commission is seeking.

Let me explain what we do within the Ordnance Engineering Test and Evaluation Department at NSWC Crane to ensure that we continue to meet the war fighters needs. The work performed by the Ordnance Test and Evaluation and Quality Evaluation personnel and the sponsors they support at NSWC Crane are necessary for all of the missile programs both from a Quality Evaluation (QE) and Lot Acceptance Test (LAT) perspective. Our department performs Quality Evaluation and Lot Acceptance testing on several components such as Safety-Arming Devices, Fuze Boosters, Explosive Leads, Target Detectors, Pressure Probes, Gyros, Destruct Charges, Arming-Firing Devices, Rocket Warheads, Bomb Fuzes, Gun Ammo, Flares, Pyrotechnics etc. that are used by many of the current missile systems. These missiles such as the Harpoon, Harm, Amraam, Sidewinder, Standard, Sparrow, Evolved Sea Sparrow, Ram, Maverick, Slam, Slam ER, etc. are critical to our national defense. What our war fighters want to know is "Does the item work" and "What's is its service life".

Some of the manufacturers that produce these items for the DOD go out of business after they have built an item for the military. However, the DOD still has to maintain the stockpile and ensure that the service life of these items can still meet the future needs of the Department of Defense. Most of these missile system components have been made by a variety of manufacturers and some of these manufactures have merged with other companies or they are not currently in business. Most of the component we test were designed several years ago and are now part of our defense systems. Many of the people who designed these items are no longer around and some of the knowledge needed to understand how these devices operate is no longer available to the government. If the government does not maintain an Independent Test and Evaluation Department these systems we currently are using as our defense will be severally damaged. In order to know if these older system are still capable of performing in today's environment periodic test must be performed to establish a

service life on each of the components mentioned previously. The government cannot depend on the prime contractors to perform this necessary task.

The Test and Evaluation programs that are currently being performed at NSWC Crane needs to remain at Crane because the military needs an independent assessment of the test items that the government purchases. This independent assessment is necessary for the DOD to ensure that the items they purchase for our national defense are not influenced by the contractors desire to just sell a product to the government. In fact, most of the weapons specifications used to test these items specifically state that an independent laboratory must perform the test and evaluation of the components. The independent assessment is also needed to protect the taxpayers and to ensure that the items the DOD purchase with their tax dollars will perform and provide the government with the capability to defend our nation in peacetime and in war.

The Department of Defense needs to have an ongoing workforce with a knowledge base that has the capability of providing an independent assessment on a variety of military items. The personnel who work at NSWC Crane Code 40 have the knowledge to perform LAT and QE on an enormous amount of the items used by all of the Missile Systems. The test data and how it is obtained and analyzed comes from years of experience and requires the knowledge to understand these complex systems. The Test and Evaluation that is performed at NSWC Crane is essential to both the DOD and to the war fighter.

The labor rate to test and evaluate these items at NSWC Crane is much less than other activities such as Indian Head or China Lake. It costs the government and taxpayers less to have NSWC Crane perform an Independent Test and Evaluation. This means less money required from the taxpayer and more finances for the DOD to maintain a strong defense against our enemies.

Currently, NSWC Crane and Crane Army Ammunition Activity have an excellent relationship with the capability to store and test these items in a remote area. Additionally, the knowledge concerning these complex systems is shared through equipment and personnel to prevent duplication of efforts and added expense to the DOD. NSWC Crane has worked for years with NAVSEA, NAVAIR, AIR FORCE, the MARINES and contractors to provide the best assessment of the items we test at the lowest cost possible. This relationship has taken years to develop and is an ongoing process that ensures the war fighter has the best that we can provide. If I recall correctly the push before the BRAC was to tell everyone that we at NSWC Crane were Ordnance and that was our number one function. Now it seems like the Ordnance Department at NSWC Crane is scheduled to take the biggest hit if no changes are made to the proposed recommendations of the BRAC commission.

It is in the best interest of the DOD to keep the design agent (China Lake) and the test and evaluation activity separate from each other. The NSWC Crane Test and Evaluation activity is responsible to ensure that the aging stockpiles of DOD items can still perform as designed and continue to do so until new items are procured or until they are no longer needed for their intended purpose. Currently, the maintenance department and Quality Evaluation Department share equipment and personnel, which keeps the cost low and the knowledge of the

systems in a government facility. If the Independent Test and Evaluation Capabilities at NSWC Crane were removed it would cost the government several times more to perform testing on these essential items.

Finally, I do not think with the ongoing War On Terrorism that it would be a good idea to have all of the Department of Defense Test and Evaluation capabilities located in one place. If something should happen, heaven forbid, it would take years to recover and almost impossible to replace. I guess that comes from the saying, "DO NOT KEEP ALL OF YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET". Additionally, I do not see many of my co-workers relocating to China Lake in California.

I hope that the BRAC commission and whoever speaks to represent NSWC Crane before the Commission address these concerns. Please feel free to add to or use any part of this to keep the Independent Test and Evaluation capabilities at NSWC Crane for the citizens of our community, the security of our nation, and to the brave men and women who so proudly serve in harms way to keep America free.

Very Respectfully,

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I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. In reviewing the cost data that is available on the E-Library at the BRAC Commission website (www.brac.gov) I have come to the conclusion that moving Chemical and Biological workload from NSWC Crane to Edgewood in Maryland does not result in any cost savings. It appears that, of the four sites being re-aligned to Edgewood (NSWC Crane, NSWC Dahlgren, Falls Church and Fort Belvoir), only the Falls Church and Fort Belvoir generate any return on investment. The NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren re-alignments cost more than they save. In fact it appears that, when added together, the four re-alignments to Edgewood result in a net loss rather than net savings. In other words the only way this scenario will save money is if the NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren portions of the re-alignments are eliminated!

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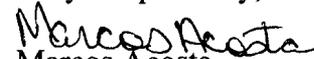
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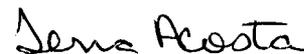
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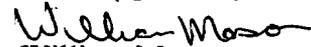
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William Mason

To: Brac Commission

From: James S. Coulter, Navy Gun Ammunition, Test & Evaluation, Lead Project Representative, Code 4051, NSWC Crane, In (Also) Quality Evaluation Agent for NOSSA Code N8 Indian Head.

Subject: Realignment of NSWC Crane Code 40 Test and Evaluation, Research and Development To Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake and Picatinny Arsenal NJ.

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I recently sent you a two-page letter and approximately 23 pages of technical information concerning the operations within the boundaries of NSWC Crane.

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NSWC Crane is located in Southern Indiana, the base is located in a remote area where there has been an Indiana state law enacted that restricts encroachment on the base's entire perimeter, therefore enhancing physical security and safety of its neighbors. This is the third largest base in the continental US with approximately 63,000 acres, approximately 3,000 buildings and room for growth or expansion. ^{Received}

I would like to bring to your attention the amount of concern that is going on from base to base, the gross amount of experience that is going to be lost for years if the BRAC process continues. The paragraphs below are copies of paragraphs out of proposals that I received from NSWC Dahlgren. I have to review these proposals and if I approve them, then funding for the project will be considered.

FUZE RECOVERY PROJECTILE (FRP), Quote from Proposal

The supply of projectiles produced using each of those designs has been completely exhausted and the capability of producing those projectiles again has been lost since the personnel responsible for the design, production and assembly have moved on to new work or have retired. **FROM - Scott Pomeroy, NSWC Dahlgren**

MULTI-OPTION FUZE (NAVY), Quote from Proposal

MOFN is currently in development and as such the Fuze Design Agent has engineers available in FY06 who are intimately familiar with its software and circuitry. If this project is not funded in FY06, then the project engineers will be reallocated to other programs. Funding in FY07 is an option, but it's risky due to the potential impact of BRAC on this Branch/expertise. This type of work is currently slated to go to Picatinny if the BRAC recommendations hold up. **FROM - Lawrence Liberman, NSWC Dahlgren**

Quote from an e-mail sent from Dahlgren to Crane

Greetings - One of my top young electrical engineers (ND4) is looking for a job in a lower cost of living area. It's hard to believe Dahlgren is a high cost area, but it has really shot up in the past 2 years. I certainly don't want to lose him, but he's applying all over the place in Government & private industry. I'd rather he stay with the Navy, and I know Crane is near the top of his list, so if anyone is hiring out there or if you know of any other Branches hiring out there, please give Jason a good look.

We (**Crane**) are losing one branch manager the second week of August 2005; she took a new job fearing BRAC was taking hers. Even though the BRAC recommendations are not yet implemented, they are already starting to take an effect (losing experienced personnel). Also several members and the **QE Director** from NSWC Indian Head Maryland have voiced extreme

concern about the loss of the RD &TE for Navy Gun Ammunition from Crane and have asked me repeatedly if I will go to Picatinney and the answer is **NO!!!!**

I performed an internal survey of our test group and Project Representatives and it will **take 19.2 years to replace the current knowledge level** if this work would be transferred. Also, **100%** of this group expressed concern they **would not** under any circumstances **leave their homes or families.**

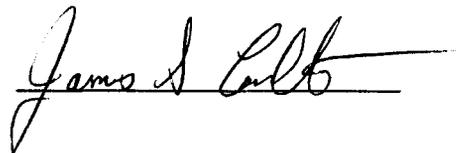
I receive approximately \$500,000.00 a year from IH (NOSSA) to perform tests on items that I select for Quality Evaluation and are tested at NSWC Crane and this only a drop in the bucket of the projects I do for the Navy.

Why would DOD want to cut the Nation's Defense by realignment or base closures, when Military Defense is the backbone and self-preservation of the US and is only 16% of the entire overall budget?

NSWC Crane has everything needed to support our internal operations including the on base establishment of Crane Army and Marine Corps. We have Project Management Personnel (PM4), In Service Engineering Agents (ISEA), Acquisition Engineering Agents (AEA), Quality Evaluation Agents (QEA), Quality Evaluation Test Agents (QETA), Test personnel, approved modern facilities and equipment established and ready for tests and we operate at a lower cost. DOD is trying to create Super Centers, NSWC Crane already has this.

I hope this letter makes it to all the committee members. I have a major concern on the potential loss of experience due to the possible realignment and closure of so many Military bases. I would much rather see the Brac recommendation die or be postponed until a more in depth investigation of what actually takes place during the R&D and T&E test cycles at these bases rather than the loss of Military lives due to the lack of knowledge of DOD.

Respectively:



PS - Lets put all our eggs in a few locations and make it easier for another country to take us out. **China is working on it!!!!!!! They have been purchasing all the steel they can get there hands on for over a year. Steel prices have doubled in our area alone, and many folks are gathering up old steel to sell, as the price for junk steel is at its highest level ever.**

Enclosure from the Washington Times – June 26 2005 -

Special Report

Chinese dragon awakens

By Bill Gertz

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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Part II: Thefts of U.S. technology boost China's weaponry

Part one of two

China is building its military forces faster than U.S. intelligence and military analysts expected, prompting fears that Beijing will attack Taiwan in the next two years, according to Pentagon officials.

U.S. defense and intelligence officials say all the signs point in one troubling direction: Beijing then will be forced to go to war with the United States, which has vowed to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack.

China's military buildup includes an array of new high-technology weapons, such as warships, submarines, missiles and a maneuverable warhead designed to defeat U.S. missile defenses. Recent intelligence reports also show that China has stepped up military exercises involving amphibious assaults, viewed as another sign that it is preparing for an attack on Taiwan.

"There's a growing consensus that at some point in the mid-to-late '90s, there was a fundamental shift in the sophistication, breadth and re-sorting of Chinese defense planning," said Richard Lawless, a senior China-policy maker in the Pentagon. "And what we're seeing now is a manifestation of that change in the number of new systems that are being deployed, the sophistication of those systems and the interoperability of the systems."

China's economy has been growing at a rate of at least 10 percent for each of the past 10 years, providing the country's military with the needed funds for modernization.

The combination of a vibrant centralized economy, growing military and increasingly fervent nationalism has transformed China into what many defense officials view as a fascist state.

"We may be seeing in China the first true fascist society on the model of Nazi Germany, where you have this incredible resource base in a commercial economy with strong nationalism, which the military was able to reach into and ramp up incredible production," a senior defense official said.

For Pentagon officials, alarm bells have been going off for the past two years as China's military began rapidly building and buying new troop- and weapon-carrying ships and submarines.

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Thefts of U.S. technology boost China's weaponry

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Part I: Chinese dragon awakens

Second of two parts.

China is stepping up its overt and covert efforts to gather intelligence and technology in the United States, and the activities have boosted Beijing's plans to rapidly produce advanced-weapons systems.

"I think you see it where something that would normally take 10 years to develop takes them two or three," said David Szady, chief of FBI counterintelligence operations.

He said the Chinese are prolific collectors of secrets and military-related information.

"What we're finding is that [the spying is] much more focused in certain areas than we ever thought, such as command and control and things of that sort," Mr. Szady said.

"In the military area, the rapid development of their 'blue-water' navy -- like the Aegis weapons systems -- in no small part is probably due to some of the research and development they were able to get from the United States," he said.

The danger of Chinese technology acquisition is that if the United States were called on to fight a war with China over the Republic of China (Taiwan), U.S. forces could find themselves battling a U.S.-equipped enemy.

"I would hate for my grandson to be killed with U.S. technology" in a war over Taiwan, senior FBI counterintelligence official Tim Berezney told a conference earlier this year.

The Chinese intelligence services use a variety of methods to spy, including traditional intelligence operations targeting U.S. government agencies and defense contractors.

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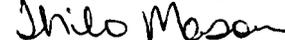
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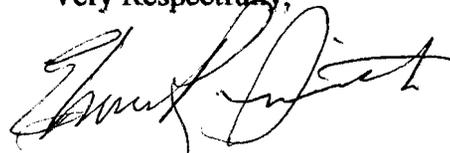
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to express my serious concerns with the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) recommendations that you are currently reviewing. It is recommended that the Crane Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center have 672 jobs realigned to other activities.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division has a long history of supporting our nation's Warfighters dating back to the start of World War II in 1941. Crane has demonstrated the ability to evolve to meet the challenging and changing needs of the men and women that wear the uniform of the United States of America. Crane's employees are skilled and highly trained to provide the necessary support today and are engaged in preparing for the future Defense of our Country.

The commitment required to provide such support is in large part due to the sense of ownership Crane's employees feel about Crane and their pride in service and workmanship. Many of the employees are veterans who have supported their country through military service and have elected to return to work as civil servants or support contractors. Many employees possess technical degrees with vast knowledge and experience and have chosen to stay in the workplace past their retirement age due to their dedication to the country during this time of war and threat of terrorism. Crane's recognition as a leader in technical areas has allowed it to recruit new employees, providing the skills, knowledge, and abilities to support the current and the future war-fighter.

As highlighted in the BRAC guidance, Military Value is an important criteria being used to determine where work should be performed. Many installations that are scheduled to receive work from realignments scored lower than Crane in Military Value. This concerns me, as it appears that the recommendations concerning Crane stray from the stated evaluation criteria.

Another important BRAC goal is to facilitate Joint operations. Crane is already Joint, with Crane Army Ammunition Activity and the Naval Surface Warfare Center. The two organizations work jointly on numerous tasks related to ordnance and pyrotechnics.

Other factors considered in the BRAC were environmental impact and economic impact to the local community. Crane has no environmental issues and is an exceptional neighbor. Crane is so critical to the economic health of the state that Indiana recently enacted P.L 5-2005, the Military Base Protection Act, protecting Crane from development that would adversely impact its critical missions and preventing future encroachment. The impact of Crane to the immediate surrounding area is even more acute with Crane accounting for over 30% of the direct wages in Martin County.

In summary, Crane truly exemplifies the BRAC criteria of Military Value - rapidly providing innovative, best value solutions to our nation's Warfighters. This high level of service has attracted the most demanding customers from across DoD, including USSOCOM, Navy Strategic Systems, as well as US Army and US Air Force Special Operations Commands. Crane's commitment to superior service and value has kept these customers coming back, allowing for the creation of a Joint, multi-functional set of capabilities that is unequaled in the Department of Defense (DoD).

I understand that during the hearings before your commission in St Louis that the State of Indiana presented alternatives to the current DoD recommendations. These alternatives, if accepted by the Commission, would provide greater military value, greater return on investment and less risk as well as reducing the negative economic impact of losing nearly 700 positions. I hope that you will take these thoughts into consideration as you go about the difficult decisions on what will be best for the Department of Defense and this great Country. I most strongly support our fellow Hoosiers at Crane and their dedication to our Warfighter's mission and significant contribution to the Global War on Terror.

Thanks for your consideration, as well as for your service.

Sincerely,

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