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Steve Vermette
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08 July 2005

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KyStee Mann

EUGENE HELMS
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BLOOMFIELD IN 47424
PH 812-825-9274

Dear Commissioners:

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While the wording of this letter has been prepared by another person, I agree with everything in it.

Thank you for duly considering my inputs.

05 August 2005

Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

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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 followed sound judgement in making some of its recommendations. Data available on the DOD website (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it is going to cost \$150M to move the 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly \$1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website (www.fas.org) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend \$150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Very Respectfully,

Ingrid Fitch
NSWC, Crane

1 August 2005

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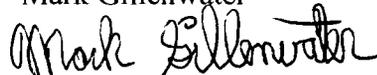
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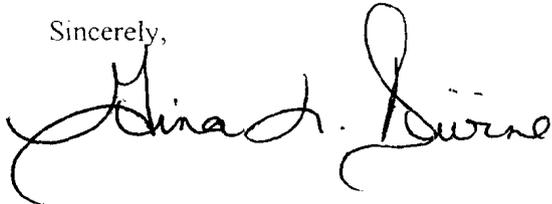
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The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner
BRAC Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Very Respectfully,



08 July 2005

Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
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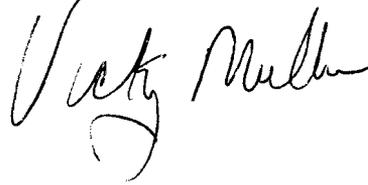
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Why move the Navy's support functions while not moving the others?

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IV. Summary:

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Sincerely,

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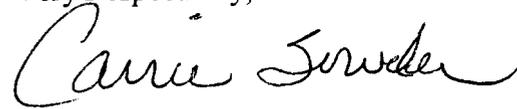
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Navy requirements are unique enough that the task to track that each system meets these requirements for the Navy can not be eliminated. Further complexity is added by the fact that these requirements can vary depending on the ship class, or even within the class.

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Therefore I seriously doubt that these 8 positions could be eliminated. There's just no further efficiencies to be gained by moving Crane Chem/Bio as, for the most part, the work does not overlap. (Note that retention of these 8 needed positions would add a further \$285K per year to the labor cost)

D. Total cost above and beyond the costs of performing the work at Crane to relocate Crane Chem/Bio to Aberdeen

One time cost (Crane)	\$3,775,974
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Recurring cost (8 wy)	\$5,700,000
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Remember from the BRAC report that the total projected savings for this scenario were \$46.0M.

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Why move the Navy's support functions while not moving the others?

III Brain Drain.

The BRAC Report assumes that 37 of 57 Crane Chem/Bio employees would relocate to Aberdeen. This is greatly exaggerated also. The employees of Crane Chem/Bio are for the most part native Hoosiers. Their families go back generations in this area. They are used to low traffic, low cost of living, wide open spaces to live in and play in. The area is convenient to the big city but far enough away that it suffers few of the big city problems. A few areas to consider:

A. Housing.

A roughly 2000 sq ft new home in the Aberdeen area costs about \$410K A new 2000sq ft home at Crane costs about \$150K. (Good quality used homes on acreage can be had for not much more). The average Crane Chem/Bio employee will never be able to own a home in the Aberdeen area.

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It takes roughly 30 minutes to drive the thirty miles from Bedford or Bloomington to the Crane Chem/Bio building. In this area a traffic jam is defined as 6 or more cars behind a school bus or tractor. Big urban area traffic is unknown at Crane.

C. Recreation

Hunting and Fishing opportunities are widespread in the Crane area. Of course the base itself has 800 acre Lake Greenwood but there are an abundance of lakes and farm ponds

throughout the area. There are also numerous huntable woods for deer, turkey, and other small game. I doubt that hunting is looked upon kindly in Maryland.

D. Spousal employment/ family issues.

The Crane Chem/Bio workers do not live in a vacuum. They have spouses and children that must be accounted for. Several of the workers are from farm families or own livestock. Several spouses have their own established careers in this area. Children are planted in schools and churches and surrounded by friends. Grandparents and extended families are here.

E. Misc standard of living.

Rising above mere costs and opportunities is something called home. Indiana is home to the workers at Crane Chem/Bio. Aberdeen never will be.

In order to relocate we'd have to abandon family and history and our entire way of life. Most (upwards of 85%) won't relocate, on the one hand we can't afford to and on the other hand we wouldn't want to.

This will, at a stroke, eliminate almost all the corporate knowledge for installing and supporting Chem/Bio detection devices on board Navy ships. A knowledge base extending back to the earliest Chem/Bio detectors fielded in the Navy. (starting in the mid 1980's with the depot repair and fielding of the AN/KAS-1 Chemical Warfare Directional Detector)

IV. Summary:

In summary, since the business practices won't change (we'll still communicate with other personnel based at Aberdeen via phone and email), and since the cost of living in the Aberdeen area precludes most of us from relocating, and since the cost of relocating Crane Chem/Bio negates the total projected savings of the entire scenario, relocating Crane Chem/Bio to Aberdeen makes no economic or military sense.

Therefore, I ask that you remove the realignment of Crane Chem/Bio from the BRAC decision and continue having this work performed at NAVSUPACT CRANE, IN.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Fitch
NSWC, Crane

05 August 2005

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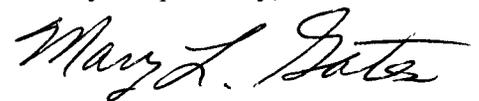
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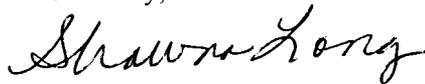
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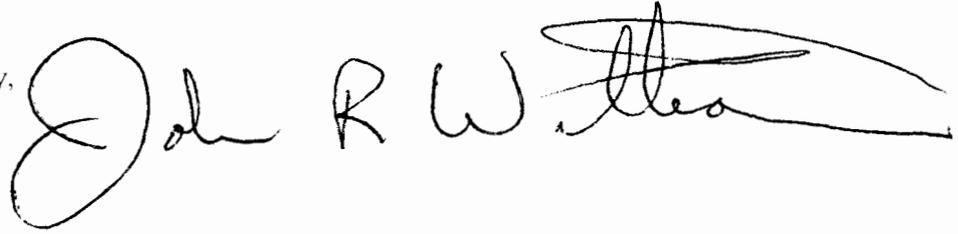
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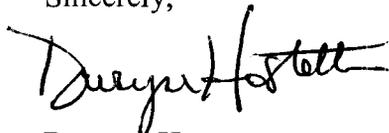
BRAC Commission Chairman
Anthony Principi
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Re: Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane

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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 unequalled 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,


Leanne Love