



DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

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DCN 5522

July 27, 2005

*Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum
Chief, National Guard Bureau
2500 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310-2500*

Dear General Blum:

I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your command's constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the National Guard Bureau. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of you or your representative, the U.S. Air Force, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

The Commission would appreciate receiving confirmation of your attendance, as well as a copy of your unclassified statement for the record, in hard copy and electronic format (CD), by noon on Friday, August 5, 2005. My point of contact for this hearing is my Executive Director, Charles Battaglia, at 703-699-2952.

Sincerely,

*Anthony J. Principi
Chairman*

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*The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20393*

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

I invite you and the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Admiral Thomas H. Collins, to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your Department's constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the Department of Homeland Security. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of your Agency, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

The Commission would appreciate receiving confirmation of your and the commandant's attendance, as well as a copy of your unclassified statement or statements for the record, in hard copy and electronic format (CD), by noon on Friday, August 5, 2005. My point of contact for this hearing is my Executive Director, Charles Battaglia, at 703-699-2952.

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*General John P. Jumper
Chief of Staff of the Air Force
HQ USAF/CC
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1670*

Dear General Jumper:

I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the Air Force. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of you or your representative, the National Guard Bureau, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

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*Admiral Timothy J. Keating
Commander, NORAD and U.S. Northern Command
250 Vandenburg Street, Suite B016
2nd Floor, Room 216
Peterson AFB, Colorado 80914-3801*

Dear Admiral Keating:

I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your command's constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from U.S. Northern Command. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of your command, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The second panel will be comprised of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

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*Major General Roger Lempke
President
Adjutants General Association of the United States
1 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20001*

Dear General Lempke:

I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear the Adjutants General Association's constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the state Adjutants General. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of the Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and your association.

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*The Honorable Michael W. Wynne
Chairman, Infrastructure Steering Group
3010 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-3010*

Dear Secretary Wynne:

I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the Department of Defense's BRAC Infrastructure Steering Group. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of you or your representative, the Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

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