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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

June 16, 1990

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	10:23 AM	10:27	Mr. Kenneth R. Raynor Cape Arundel Golf Club Kennebunkport, Maine 207-967-3494	Tlkd-ok 10:24 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	10:36 AM	10:41	Governor John H. Sununu (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 10:37 AM
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		Mrs. Dorothy LeBlond (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 12:09 PM
INC	12:08 PM	12:11		
OUT	AM		LT. Paul F. Nichols Redwood Lodge, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1542	Tlkd-ok 12:14 PM
INC	12:14 PM	12:15		
OUT	AM		Mr. Robert M. Gates (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 7:07 PM
INC	7:01 PM	7:10		
OUT	AM		LT. Paul F. Nichols Poplar Cabin, Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1407	Tlkd-ok 8:49 PM
INC	8:48 PM	8:50		
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TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

JUNE 16th

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Camp David, Maryland

DATE 16 June 1990

TIME

MOVEMENTS

[illegible]

daily file

FOR EVENT: CAMP DAVID PICNIC -6/9/90

ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

cancelled due to rain
rescheduled for 6/16/90

NAME		NAME	
HAIL & FAREWELL PICNIC AT CAMP		Horner, Charles (Mr.)	A
DAVID -Saturday, June 9, 1990		Horner, Constance J. (Hon.)	A
11:00 a.m./Casual Dress -Invitations		Kemp, Joanne (Mrs. Jack)	A
Contact Social Office x7788		Lujan, Jean (Mrs. Manuel Jr.)	A
THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH		Lujan, Manuel Jr (Hon.(Sec.))	A
Adamson, Terrence (Mr.)	A	McClure, Frederick D. (Hon.)	A
Barker, Robert (Dr.)	A	McClure, Harriet (Mrs. Frederick)	A
Barr, Christine (Mrs. William)	A	Moore, Carolyn (Mrs. W. Henson)	A
Barr, William (General)	A	Mosbacher, Robert A. Sr (Hon.Sec.)	A
Bates, Anne (Mrs. David Q. Jr.)	A	Murrin, Marie (Mrs. Thomas J.)	A
Bates, David Q. Jr (Hon.)	A	Murrin, Thomas J. (Hon.)	A
Boskin, Christien (Mrs. Michael)	A	Newman, J. Bonnie (Hon.)	A
Boskin, Michael J. (Hon.(Dr.))	A	Parnell, Jack C. (Hon.)	A
Bracken, Frank (Hon.)	A	Parnell, Susan (Mrs. Jack)	A
Bracken, Judith "Judy" (Mrs. Frank)	A	Porter, Roger B. (Hon.)	
Brady, Katherine (Mrs. Nicholas)		Porter, Roger B. (Mrs.)	
Brady, Nicholas (Hon.(Sec.))			
Card, Andrew H. Jr (Hon.)	A	Quayle, Dan (Vice President)	A
Card, Kathleene (Mrs. Andrew)	A	Quayle, Marilyn (Mrs. Dan)	A
Cavazos, Lauro F. (Hon.(Sec.))	A	Reilly, Elizabeth "Libbie" (Mrs. Wil	A
Cavazos, Peggy (Mrs. Lauro F.)	A	Reilly, William K. (Hon.)	A
Chao, Elaine L. (Hon.)	A	Robson, John E. (Hon.)	A
✓ Cheney, Lynne V. (Hon.)	A	Robson, Margaret (Mrs. John E.)	A
✓ Cheney, Richard B. (Hon.Sec.)	A	Rogich, Sigmund A. (Hon.)	A
✓ Darman, Kathleen (Mrs. Richard G.)	A	Sanders, Beverly (Mrs. John Ted)	A
✓ Darman, Richard G. (Hon.)	A	Sanders, John Ted (Hon.)	A
DeArment, Ann-Marie (Mrs. Roderick)	A	Scowcroft, Brent (General)	A
DeArment, Roderick A. (Hon.)	A	Sullivan, Eva Ginger (Mrs. Louis W.)	A
Deland, Jane (Mrs. Michael R.)	A	Sununu, John H. (Hon.)	A
Deland, Michael R. (Hon.)	A	Sununu, Nancy (Mrs. John H.)	A
DelliBovi, Alfred A. (Hon.)	A	Thornburgh, Richard L. (Hon.)	A
DelliBovi, Elizabeth (Mrs. Alfred)	A	Thornburgh, Virginia "Ginny" (Mrs. R	A
Demarest, David F. Jr (Hon.)	A	Tinsley, Sarah (Ms.)	A
Firestone, Laurie (Mrs.)	A	Webster, William H. (Hon.)	A
Fitzwater, Max Marlin (Hon.)	A	Yeutter, Clayton K. (Hon.(Sec.))	A
Gray, C. Boyden (Hon.)	A	Yeutter, Jeanne (Mrs. Clayton K.)	A
Hills, Carla A. (Hon.Amb.)	A		
Hills, Roderick M. (Hon.)	A		
Holiday, Edith E. (Hon.)	A		

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GATE LIST

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ACCEPT AND NO RESPONSE

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Total Accepts/ No Response 69

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REGRETS AND SUBSTITUTES

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HAIL & FAREWELL PICNIC AT CAMP	
DAVID -Saturday, June 9, 1990	Watkins, James D. (Hon.(Sec.)) R
11:00 a.m./Casual Dress -Invitations	Watkins, Sheila (Mrs. James D.) R
Contact Social Office x7788	
THE PRESIDENT & MRS. BUSH	
Atwood, Donald J. (Hon.) R	
Atwood, Donald J. (Mrs.) R	
Baker, James A. III (Hon.Sec.) R	
Baker, Susan (Mrs. James A. III) R	
Bennett, Elayne (Mrs. William J.) R	
Bennett, William J. (Hon.(Dr.)) R	
Bromley, D. Allan (Dr.) R	
Bromley, D. Allan (Mrs.) R	
Cicconi, James W. (Hon.) R	
Cicconi, James W. (Mrs.) R	
Derwinski, Bonnie (Mrs. Edward J.) R	
Derwinski, Edward J. (Hon.(Sec.)) R	
Dole, Elizabeth Hanford (Hon.Sec.) R	
Dole, Robert J. (Hon.Sen.) R	
Eagleburger, Lawrence S. (Hon.) R	
Eagleburger, Lawrence S. (Mrs.) R	
Gates, Robert M. (Hon.) R	
Gates, Robert M. (Mrs.) R	
Kemp, Jack (Hon.(Sec.)) R	
Kendrick, Diana (Miss) R	
Moore, W. Henson (Hon.) R	
Mosbacher, Georgette (Mrs. Robert Sr) R	
Pickering, Thomas R. (Hon.) R	
Pickering, Thomas R. (Mrs.) R	
Principi, Anthony J. (Hon.) R	
Principi, Anthony J. (Mrs.) R	
Skinner, Mary Margaret (Mrs. Samuel) R	
Skinner, Samuel (Hon.(Sec.)) R	
Sullivan, Louis W. (Hon.(Sec.)) R	
Untermeyer, Charles G. (Hon.) R	

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REGRETS AND SUBSTITUTES

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Total Regrets/ Substitutes 32

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	TOTAL		ACCEPTS	NORSVP	REGRETS	SUBS
INVITEES:	53	=	34	2	17	0
GUESTS:	48	=	31	2	15	0
TOTALS:	101	=	65	4	32	0

Possible Attendance as of 7 JUN is 69

TO DISCUSS WITH
MR. FARISH

Dave
6-16

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George Bush Handwriting



THE PRESIDENT

Dear Jay,

I've got your letter and am asking some of my staff to take a look at it. We'll be back in touch soon.

I'm glad you wrote. Please pass along my regards to all my friends in Beeville.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "LBJ", written over a horizontal line.

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Richard E. Rudeloff
Of Counsel

Jay T. Kimbrough

May 25, 1990

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President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

I write this letter direct to you most reluctantly. However, because of my strong loyalty to you, your administration, and our Republican Party, I feel compelled to alert you to a developing scenario in Beeville, Texas.

Your December, 1989, attendance at the "Presidential Bar-Bee-Que" was a tremendous success for you, Beeville, and the Republican Party. My subsequent trip to the White House, at your gracious invitation, to the State Dinner for President Saleh was a tremendous personal privilege and a great honor for Bee County in general. It was, in short, a high-water mark in many different respects. Little did anyone know that two days after our evening at the State Dinner, and the day after our visit with you in the Oval Office, that NAS Chase Field in Beeville would be placed on the DOD "study for closure" list.

Please let me emphasize at this point that I realize full well your department heads are to deal with these types of issues. Further, I can assure you that special consideration or political favoritism has no place in my position as to why I am convinced NAS Chase Field, Beeville, should not be closed. However, it is because I fear (and know that I can prove) that the Navy decision to close Chase Field is based on some rationale other than productivity, proficiency and cost effectiveness that I am writing you. More specifically, I simply do not want you to be surprised by any news reporter who may start asking questions about Beeville.

The topic of my letter is now obvious. However, before I go into detail, let me state some very important basic precepts:

1. I strongly support you in the effort to streamline defense spending in such a way that our nation maintains its military superiority while facing the realities of the national deficit, the mood of congress, and the reduced Soviet threat in eastern Europe;
2. I understand that our nation's defense budget must and will be reduced given the present geopolitical climate;
3. I fully realize that any community facing a possible base closure encounters significant economic and sociological impact, and most particularly;

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4. I know full well that neither local economic impact, politics, nor personal acquaintances can or should override sound economic decisions based on the overall needs of the military services and the nation.

Having set forth what I hope is an adequate predicate to my discussion, I can now move to substantive matters. My point, Mr. President, is plain and simple: NAS Chase Field in Beeville, Texas, is documented by Navy studies as the most productive, proficient, and cost effective of the three advanced/intermediate strike pilot training bases in the Navy inventory.

If "the numbers" support Chase Field, then why am I so concerned, you may ask. Unfortunately, Chase Field, and Beeville, may be viewed by some people as politically expendable. Because I know that neither you, Secretary Cheney nor Secretary Garrett are, or would be, a party to any such scenario, I must ensure that you are aware of all relevant and material facts. To that end, allow me to provide you with some background information;

Enclosed you will find copies of articles from the Beeville Bee-Picayune and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times of Saturday, May 5, 1990, and an editorial from the Caller-Times dated May 9, 1990. These articles will give you a quick sketch of the position that our local Task Force has been taking since Beeville's Chase Field was placed on the DOD "study list" on January 29th, 1990. However, these articles also reveal a significant heretofore unreleased and undiscovered "internal study" that was previously conducted by the Navy itself for the Congressional Committee on Base Closures in November, 1988.

The situation at present is as follows: Senator Phil Gramm has discovered, and has in his possession, an "internal study" prepared by "Op 44" in the Department of the Navy, dated on or about "November 7, 1988," which made a detailed study of, and ranked in numerical order, each and every major air station in the U. S. Navy inventory in the continental United States. This report reveals some critical facts as it relates to the "base closure/study list" released by DOD, and particularly to Chase Field. Chase Field is one of three advanced/intermediate strike pilot training bases, the other two being NAS Kingsville, Texas and NAS Meridian, Mississippi. The Navy study ranked Chase Field first (1st) when comparing the three bases. When compared to all 29 major naval air stations, Chase ranked fourth (4th).

Now that you know the results of the '88 "Op 44" study, you can see why I was

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shocked on January 29th when I saw Chase Field on this list. As a former Navy JAGC officer stationed at Chase Field, I was very familiar with the historical performance of Chase Field as it related and compared to NAS Kingsville and NAS Meridian. I was not alone in this observation, of course, as we have several retired Navy Captains (some of whom have served as past Commanding Officers of Chase Field) living in the Beeville area who are infinitely more familiar than I am about Chase Field's record of performance. It was after this January 29th announcement a committee of local citizens was formed by Dr. Dudley Braly to study in detail how this could have happened to Chase Field.

In conducting a microscopic statistical and historical study, led by Bob Ferguson, Capt. U.S. Navy (Ret.) utilizing the expertise, experience, friends, and connections of many different people, the facts began to quickly and clearly take shape: NAS Chase Field has been and remains at this time the most productive and proficient of the three training bases in question, followed closely by NAS Kingsville with NAS Meridian a distant third. This raised the question, of course; if we have figured this out, and can and will substantiate this claim, has the Navy ever compiled such a study and, if so, wouldn't the Navy study reach the same conclusion? *(As we started our study, we were not aware of this "internal report" of November, 1988.)* If the answer to this question is yes, then wouldn't the November 7, 1988, study have been utilized to identify possible base closures to be named in 1990? If the '88 study was not utilized, then why not? If it was utilized, then how could Chase Field suddenly rank so low? Now that Senator Gramm has uncovered this internal Navy report, we know that in fact the Navy has conducted such a study and we now know that the results are the same as our task force study, to wit: NAS Chase Field has historically been the most proficient and productive strike pilot training base. If that is so, why would Chase Field be suddenly ranked behind the air station which the Navy's own study of November, 1988, ranked last?

The detailed study of our task force, that I expect to be completed by May 28th, will support the results of the November, 1988, study referred to by Senator Gramm. It appears to me that the results of this '88 study may not have been taken into account by pentagon authorities who forwarded their "recommendations" to Secretary Garrett, and to Secretary Cheney, in November, 1989. Admittedly, and particularly in defense of your administration, this report of 1988 was prepared before you were even sworn in office and obviously months before either Secretary Garrett or Secretary Cheney assumed their respective offices. *The*

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only alternative hypothetical theories to explain this occurrence are as follows

1. "No detailed study like that of November, 1988, was conducted prior to the 'study list' of January 29th. There was insufficient time to respond to the request from the Secretary of Defense for 'a list' with any kind of comprehensive study. The reason Chase Field was on the list is because it is scheduled to receive the new T-43 last, thus if we must cut one base, cut the base that receives the new trainer last."

This means, of course, that the detailed study of 1988, that was prepared for Congress was overlooked. The simple reason Chase Field is receiving the new T-43 last is that historically Chase received the A-4 last and since Chase is the most productive and efficient of the three bases it will be carrying the load of both NAS Kingsville and NAS Meridian while those two bases are breaking in on the new T-43.

2. "Inadvertently, this report was not utilized by Navy officials in November, 1989, even though it was forwarded to the Congressional Committee on Base Closures in November, 1988."

If this is so it constitutes a serious oversight since NAS Chase Field is ranked **FIRST** (emphasis mine) among the Naval intermediate and advanced strike pilot training bases, **NOT LAST** (emphasis mine) as is implied by the January 29th, 1990 "study list."

3. "The results of the November 7, 1988, study have now changed 180 degrees and the data is now out of date."

This is not the case as there has been no detailed study that begins to compare with that of the November, 1988, study. There has been no event or factor that has occurred that changes this historical fact based on years of data: NAS Chase Field has been the most productive and efficient of the three strike pilot training bases followed by NAS Kingsville followed by NAS Meridian.

4. "NAS Chase Field was 'traded' by someone for NAS Meridian in exchange for some promise of support on some other matter."

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Now the possibilities become more sinister. This reason is obviously political in nature. Unfortunately, we all know this sort of thing happens. It means that the facts of the '88 study were either ignored or overlooked in the haste to make some kind of "deal" on military bases. In this case, however, we now know that closing Chase Field means the most productive and efficient of the three training bases may be closed in exchange for the least productive and proficient of the strike training bases being "left untouched". Obviously, neither Secretary Cheney nor Secretary Garrett would be a party to any such deal at any time for anyone. That means someone else has his/her own agenda on some other matter that would, in their mind, justify such a "trade."

5. "Regardless of the internal study of 1988, and regardless of the historical data, we are prepared to 'give up' Chase Field as we (the Navy) feel we can retain the airspace around Chase even if it's closed and we would lose the airspace around Meridian if flight operations were reduced there."

This is hollow logic that cannot be supported when compared to the tremendous economics of retaining the most productive and proficient of the three training bases in question. The false economics of this potential argument will be addressed in great detail in our upcoming Task Force report. If this is the best argument for closure of Chase that the Navy can present it will be easily refuted. If we need fewer pilots, then we need less military air space. If we have a national emergency and need more Military Operations Areas (MOA's), the FAA will comply with that national need.

6. "This has all been a big mistake and now, fortunately, someone has discovered this internal Navy memorandum that clearly reflects the superior status of NAS Chase Field. The study list will be revised and Chase will be pulled from the list (just like El Centro Naval Air Station was recently removed from the 'study list') as upon reflection and reconsideration the Navy realizes it must have this base and that Chase Field should never have been of the January 29th list in the first place."

I like this option the best.

I fully realize that I am raising some very difficult questions and possible scenarios. However, the time has come that we either ask these tough questions, look

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for studies and reports that may have been overlooked, and explore every possible explanation of a conclusion that defies factual basis or we are going to lose a base that has proven itself as the **documented number one asset in training strike pilots on the intermediate/ advanced level.**

As a postscript to this sequence of events, Congressman Solomon Ortiz appeared on television on Friday, May 3rd, 1990, on Channel 3, KIII-TV in Corpus Christi, Texas. In response to a question from anchorman Joe Gazin as to why Congressman Ortiz was "upset" with Senator Gramm for proposing that strike pilot advanced/intermediate training be centered in South Texas as a result of the 1988, internal study, Congressman Ortiz stated basically as follows; that "Homeport Corpus Christi comes first" and that he had a "coalition of Gulf Coast states" in agreement to support each others "Homeport" projects. He was "concerned" that Senator Gramm's recommendation may mean that some "pilot training base in Florida or Mississippi" may be affected by Gramm's idea and that Ortiz didn't want to "do anything to adversely affect the Gulf Coast coalition." At no time did Mr. Ortiz acknowledge, imply, or intimate that this report was in fact good news for Chase Field in Beeville. At no time were the words "Chase Field" even spoken by Mr. Ortiz. His concern was how his associates in "Florida or Mississippi will react to Senator Gramm's letter." The only other comments I can recall being made on TV by Mr. Ortiz concerning Chase Field occurred shortly after the January 29th announcement. Ortiz was interviewed on KIII-TV and said that "if Beeville's Chase Field closed, it's operations could be moved to NAS Kingsville."

As you may know, NAS Kingsville is in Congressman Ortiz's district and he sits on the House Armed Services Committee. NAS Meridian is in Congressman Sonny Montgomery's district and he sits on the House Armed Services Committee. NAS Pensacola (which does not have the same mission as Chase Field) is in Congressman Hutto's district. Congressman Hutto sits on the House Armed Services Committee. Beeville is in Congressman Greg Laughlin's district. (He is not on the House Armed Services Committee.)

Frankly, I believe that only the executive branch of the government can preclude the most proficient, most productive, and most cost efficient of the three advanced/intermediate strike pilot training bases from being closed based on a decision that may ignore the present facts, past performance, and the future impact this action will have on our military forces and defense budget.

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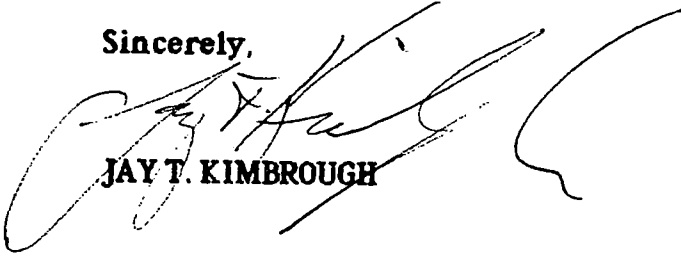
My apologies for what may be too lengthy a letter. I did not feel that a quick Executive Summary would be sufficient at this point in time. Our position in this matter is the right one. The numbers support us. We have to ensure we do not lose this asset because of some reason other than what is in the best interest of the national defense.

I have struggled long and hard as to whether or not I should write to you concerning this matter. If it is error to do so, please hold it against me alone and no one else. I was 19 years old when I was shot in May of 1967 as a Marine machinegunner in Vietnam. I served four years as a Naval Officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps after completing my undergraduate and law school degree using the G. I. Bill. As a result of these experiences I know that there are times when "the skipper" doesn't get all the details upon which decisions have been made. This is my respectful attempt to ensure a totally informed decision may be made in this matter. Based on my knowledge of you as a person and as a leader I am confident this is what you would do if you were in my position.

I know that the members of your cabinet are encouraged to state what he or she may think, to vigorously explore and discuss issues and then, when you make your decision, to support the position of the administration. When you make your decision on this matter, you have my pledge that I will support you as my Commander in Chief.

I will be in Washington during the first two weeks of June, along with others on our Task force, carrying our message, facts, and studies to many people. If this was a case I was prosecuting in court, I know I would win. The evidence is on our side.

Sincerely,



JAY T. KIMBROUGH

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cc: File

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Gramm uncovers findings

'88 Navy study says Chase No. 1 trainer

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U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Bryan, released a copy of a letter Friday that he wrote to the Secretary of the Navy in which he quotes a 1988 naval study that ranks NAS Chase Field No. 1 in pilot training.

"The study ranked NAS Chase Field first among the naval air training bases and fourth when compared with all 29 naval air stations. NAS Kingsville was ranked very close behind Chase Field in the same study," Gramm explained to Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett III.

Gramm disclosed that the Navy completed the internal study of its naval air training facilities only 18 months ago. The study rated all of the Navy's air stations on 21 separate factors ranging from mission suitability to community support, which Gramm and other members of the Texas Congressional delegation have said is evident by the number of letters as well as phone calls.

"Based on the Navy study and their superb records of training effectiveness and cost-efficiency," he wrote, "I urge you to consider consolidating all naval air training at NAS Chase Field and NAS Kingsville."

Gramm, who first mentioned naval training consolidation two weeks ago in Beeville during a brief campaign stop, has been the only member of Congress to taken a stand and supported consolidating naval training in South Texas.

In his letter to Garrett, Gramm said, "... it is clear that NAS Chase Field at Beeville and NAS Kingsville stand out as leaders to undertake the consolidation of naval training. These two bases are located within 55 miles of each other and each is within 40 miles of the USS Lexington's new homeport at Ingleside."

"The Navy stands to save money," he continued, "and operate more efficiently from these bases through the use of centralized logistics and supply lines. South Texas also affords the Navy savings in transportation expenses, low cost and desirable living conditions for the

personnel stationed at the two bases and favorable weather for flight training."

Chase Field joined several other military bases on a list released in January by Defense Secretary Richard Cheney that requested a feasibility study be conducted for possible realignment and or closure following a series of environmental and economic impact studies.

"All the credit goes to Sen. Gramm and his staff, especially Mark Morrison, for having uncovered this study by the Navy. We applaud their diligence in looking for what we would hope is a positive move toward consolidating naval air training in South Texas," said Chase Field Task Force member Jay Kimbrough who has been working with Gramm's staff as well as with other members of the Texas Congressional delegation and the Departments of the Navy and Defense. The study further confirms figures being documented by the task force as to Chase's productivity and efficiency.

Gramm also pleaded with Garrett to consider defense spending cuts that will affect the Navy's pilot training missions as well as the quality of the training.

"In an era that requires prudent reductions in defense spending," he wrote, "I hope the Navy will make the fullest possible use of its existing facilities, particularly in the area of naval air training. Although the requirements for new naval aviators may decline over the next few years, the Navy must continue its tradition of high quality training."

South Texas communities were rocked by news from the Defense Department this week that it was suggesting the Homeport Ingleside be terminated, as well as the 45-day extension of a construction moratorium that was initiated in February and extended on Monday.

"This had to be a powerful message to lawmakers," Kimbrough said, "that Chase Field is important to the Navy's future training mission and should not be targeted for realignment or closure, but should be considered a vital link in consolidating pilot training."



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Gramm states case for South Texas bases

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Thank you for your consideration. I hope to hear from you soon on this issue.

Yours respectfully,
Phil Gramm
United States Senator

Navy

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Navy urged to bring pilots here

Gramm pitches area as training center

By William Garland

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WASHINGTON - In an effort to deflect defense spending cuts from South Texas, Sen. Phil Gramm asked the Navy Friday to consider making the naval air stations in Beeville and Kingsville its center for advanced aviation training.

The recommendation would not affect Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, a center for basic flight training.

In a letter to Navy Secretary Lawrence Garrett, Gramm said consolidation would put the Navy's flight training activities within 40 miles of the USS Lexington, a training aircraft carrier that the Navy plans to berth at Naval Station Ingleside beginning next year.

Gramm also pointed out that the two South Texas bases for advanced pilot training ranked high in an unreleased study by the Navy of naval air stations 18 months ago.



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However, Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, described Gramm's action Friday as "premature" since it could jeopardize the unity of a coalition of Gulf Coast congressmen seeking to preserve the Navy's development of homeports at Ingleside and elsewhere on the Gulf. Advanced naval air training also is performed at bases in Mississippi and Florida.

"We have a coalition that our main objective was to keep

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Local officials greet centralization plan

Consensus: Homeport would benefit

By Rob Harrill

STAFF WRITER

A move to make South Texas

military facilities "I am real glad to hear that Beeville was rated so high. I feel real encouraged."

Protest at Kent State

Not criticized as half-hearted effort

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of the anger over the United States' role in Vietnam - anger that may have reached its tragic high point on this campus.

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The Defense Department last January released a base-closure study list that included the facility at Beeville. Gramm also said this week that severe defense cuts in budget proposals pending in Congress could wipe out two Navy air wings "with potential impact for the naval air stations at Beeville and Kingsville."

He said deep defense cuts in Congress also could "deactivate two Navy carrier battlegroups, effectively eliminating the possibility that the USS Lexington will be transferred to Corpus Christi and markedly reducing the likelihood that the Chase Field Naval Air Station can continue operating."

In late 1988, the Pentagon's base-closure commission considered consolidation of air training at South Texas facilities, including Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, which specializes in basic pilot training. Although the base-closure commission made no recommendation, it focused on advanced naval pilot training at naval air stations in Meridian, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla.

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Chase Field is on a list of facilities to be reviewed for possible closure, although federal legislators have said the base would be relatively safe if the Navy is able to retain all of its 14 aircraft carrier battle groups.

If the number of aircraft carriers were reduced, the demand for naval aviators would fall and Chase Field could be in jeopardy.

The Navy has said it is basing its plans on having 14 carriers; Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has said two carriers may have to be eliminated.

Naval Station Ingleside has faced stumbling blocks of its own



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"This should further enforce the idea that the Lexington should be in the Corpus Christi area," said Jay Kimbrough, a Beeville attorney and member of a task force there rallying to protect their air station. "It should be good news for Corpus Christi, too."

Retired Rear Adm. Jim Scott, coordinator of the local Homeport liaison office and a member of the task force that has been lobbying Washington, D.C., officials for Naval Station Ingleside, agreed.

Gramm's request and the Navy's evaluation would tend to support the local view that a training aircraft carrier would be better situated in the Coastal

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Kimbrough said Beeville officials have been in contact with Gramm's office for about three weeks concerning the evaluation. The city's task force, which is working on a report about the base there, became puzzled as they began to put their data together.

"All of the numbers showed that we are superior in terms of proficiency and performance," he said. "We began to wonder how (being reviewed for possible closure) could happen when all the numbers show we are superior."

With Gramm's announcement, he said, Beeville officials are hoping for a quick response from defense officials.

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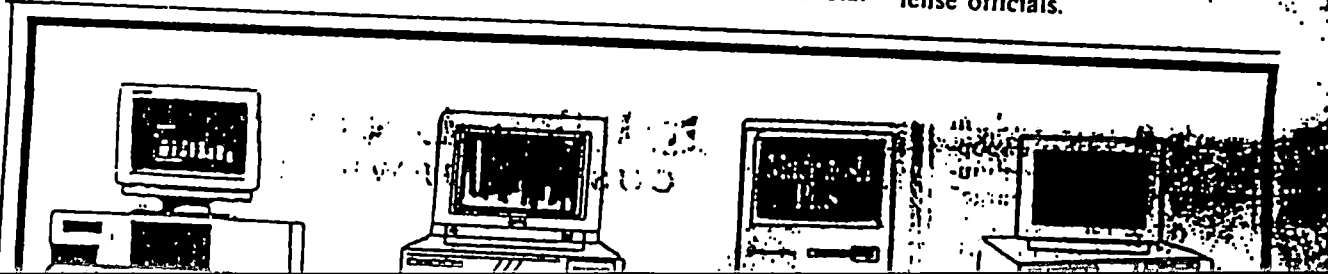
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solutions. Meridian ranked ninth and Pensacola ranked tenth, according to Gramm. In the same study, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi ranked third.

Meridian is located in the congressional district of Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., and Pensacola is in the district of Rep. Earl Hutto, D-Fla. Both are high-ranking members of the House Armed Services Committee.

Brian Keeter, a spokesman for Hutto, said he "was surprised to hear about Sen. Gramm's letter because Congressman Hutto knows of no plan under way to consolidate naval aviation training."

"Just this week, he and several other Gulf Coast members, including Sen. Gramm, met with Navy Secretary Lawrence Garrett regarding strategic homeporting and that's the only action he knows of at this time regarding Gulf Coast naval activities," Keeter said.

Montgomery was unavailable for comment on Gramm's letter. A Navy spokesman also said Navy officials would not be able to provide their view of Gramm's recommendation by Friday.

Ortiz, who said Gramm "means well" with his recommendation, also suggested that the senator's initiative might threaten Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

"We just have to be very careful as to what we do," Ortiz said. "We would like to keep Chase and Kingsville... (but) when you talk about naval air training, that means everything... We don't want to be so flexible as to shut down Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and say let's combine it somewhere else."

Larry Neal, Gramm's spokesman, said no threat was intended to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

"We're counting the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, for purposes of this letter, as part of the naval air portion of the Homeport," Neal said. "We're talking about taking naval air training somewhere in the United States and moving it into the Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Beeville triangle."

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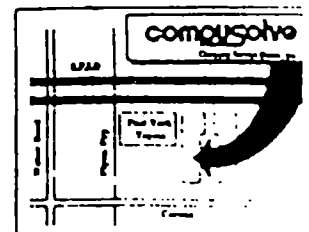
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EDITORIAL WRITERIt's no time to pick
training base fight

At first blush, Sen. Phil Gramm's call for all U.S. Navy advanced aviation training operations to be consolidated in South Texas would seem to be a really neat idea — but before the senator invests very much of his personal and political capital in the notion, caution is advised. This move could in the long run do more harm than good to the region.

Apparently reacting to the pending Navy proposal to deep-six Naval Station Ingleside, Gramm sat down and fired off to Navy Secretary Lawrence Garrett a letter in which he offered the modest suggestion that Naval Air Station Kingsville and Naval Air Station Chase Field near Beeville be given responsibility for training operations now conducted at naval air stations near Pensacola, Fla., and Meridian, Miss. The senator argued, "The Navy stands to save money and operate more efficiently from these bases through the use of centralized logistics and supply lines."

There may well be some very cogent reasoning behind Gramm's bid. What this father startling maneuver ignores, however, is that his initiative could be — almost certainly *will* be — construed as a raid on the domains of two very well-connected Southern Democratic congressmen, Reps. Earl Hutto of Florida and Sonny Montgomery of Mississippi, in whose districts the Pensacola and Meridian air stations are located.

Corpus Christi's Rep. Solomon Ortiz recognized as much, pointing out, "We have a coalition that our main objective was to keep Homeport open. We do not want to disrupt this cohesiveness. . . . Let's wait until the dust settles (on defense spending) and then we can do our negotiations."

Gramm should heed Ortiz' counsel. With Homeport in the balance, this is no time to be treading on the toes of Messrs. Hutto and Montgomery. If the issue is pressed, not only Homeport but Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and even the Corpus Christi Army Depot could be endangered. When it comes to defense spending and defense mission allocations, this is a time for stepping very lightly indeed.

Anger is appropriate

Bush confronts

WASHINGTON — The woman came riding down Street barebacked. She was bare front. In fact, a bare thing.

George Bush, even if he's no addict to porn, had to be impressed when he glimpsed scene on TV from Winston-Salem, N.C.

The 20-year-old woman on the horse wore only by long, swinging tresses and a of pearls. As they say in the South, she was nekkid.

Like the real Lady Godiva in England years ago, she was protesting high taxes. C. voyeurs, acutely interested in naked fiscal rushed to ogle the 1990 horseback strip.

"She's a symbol against taxes," said Joe head of Citizens Against Higher Taxes. "body's fed up."

Bush, if he saw videotape of the A-rate test, had to grumble. "Damn, why did think of that?"

In truth, Bush used everything but God '88 campaign ads to dramatize his oft-vow, "Read my lips: no new taxes."

Now he's got a more muted war cry. "Read my lips: no preconditions."

Bush has agreed to a budget summit Congress in which, to employ spokesman Marlin Fitzwater's delicate phrase, he'll be "unfettered" by old campaign pledges. Now it's "no preconditions, everything on the table."

Cynics will be unastonished that Bush skitters from "no new taxes" to "well, maybe." Sixteen months to break a campaign promise is par for a politician.

Why Bush's switch from campaign blather to reality?

"The driving force is a weakening economy," guesses Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn. "It's driving up interest rates. They (the Bush administration) are worried about political fallout if things go sour."

Everybody suspected Bush would drop his Lady Godiva imitation. All modern presidents raise taxes but like *Playboy* models, airbrush away the wrinkles.

Ronald Reagan deserved an Academy Award for such chicanery. Since his ballyhoed 1981 tax cut, Reagan added \$150 billion in taxes on everything from telephones to air tickets to Medicare. The old magician always dusted his fingerprints off the crime.

Democrats are lecturing Bush.

West has turned its back

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 6-16-90

FROM THE PRESIDENT-

TO: John S. Marlin

cc Brent

Re: National Review.

More and more NR is in a bashing mood.

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is highly critical- but ~~this~~ is just

a part of a new pattern. Buckley wants me

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Summits: Getting The Symbolism Wrong

AMERICAN Presidents should avoid Summit meetings, because they tend to be symbolic acts, and dealing with the Soviet Union we seem doomed to get the symbolism wrong. In July 1979, Jimmy Carter embraced Leonid Brezhnev in Vienna only months before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In Washington last week, it was George Bush's turn to make the wrong gesture, signing a trade agreement even as Gorbachev was strangling Lithuania.

There were other concessions to the Soviet Union, including a framework agreement for an arms-reduction treaty that provides for cutting missile stockpiles by 30 per cent despite the Soviets' intensive modernization of their heavy-missile arsenal, and an agreement to reduce chemical-weapons stocks that is completely unverifiable. But none of these defined the present state of U.S.-Soviet relations as well as the trade agreement, which was undertaken at a time when, by varying estimates, Lithuania had no more than thirty days of fuel left before it would have to surrender to Soviet economic pressure and return, however reluctantly, to the Soviet fold.

It could be argued that the trade agreement is meaningless because Congress is unlikely to approve it. Yet the mere act of signing it at this time can only reinforce Gorbachev in his efforts to hold on to each of the Soviet Union's rebellious republics, while convincing three million Lithuanians that in facing the Soviet Union they do not have even the moral support of the outside world.

Mr. Bush's gesture is all the more ill considered in that, ultimately, it will be not only devastating for Lithuania but harmful to the Soviet Union itself.

The essence of power in the Soviet Union lies in the exercise of centralized economic control by the political authorities. This combination of economic and political power is so effective in holding together a multi-national empire that the center can cede a measure of political power to popular movements in the various republics, as it has already done, and still be assured of controlling the life of the republic in question through its control of its economy.

The system can only function, however, so long as the economy itself does not break down. The drama of the present situation lies in the fact that the Soviet economy, whose inherent defects have been

grossly exacerbated by Gorbachev's half-baked attempts to reform it, is now near collapse.

Faced with this situation, the Soviet Union stands at a historic crossroads. It can either sacrifice the rebellious internal empire and adopt meaningful economic reforms; or it can preserve the empire while jettisoning reform and guaranteeing a future catastrophe. All of Gorbachev's actions so far suggest that he has chosen the latter alternative.

Lithuania is the obvious case in point. Almost from the beginning of his period as leader, Gorbachev has denounced the "command administrative system" for its stifling of initiative and stupendous waste of resources. But the moment Lithuania announced its independence, Gorbachev discovered that the command administrative system has its advantages: he shut off oil and gas to Lithuania.

Even the most minimal economic freedom in the Soviet Union would have greatly strengthened the Lithuanians' hand. A free market in wholesale trade, for example, would have allowed them to buy some of the large quantities of oil and gas held in reserve by Soviet enterprises. In fact, a free market in wholesale trade was discussed as the first step toward a market economy in 1987, but it still has not been implemented. In Lithuania, at least 40 per cent of the major enterprises, including the most important ones, are run directly by Moscow ministries, receiving their supplies from outside Lithuania and sending their production out, making them all but immune to local control.

In the summer of 1989, of 211 specific food products in the Soviet Union, it was possible to buy freely only 23. This is a direct result of the breakdown of the centralized Soviet economic system. If the Soviet Union wants to free itself of the shackles of that system, however, it is going to have to consent to the freedom of others.

The Soviet empire should be dismantled expeditiously, peacefully, and in the interests of economic progress. That is the message—and not the false encouragement of trade agreements—that President Bush should be conveying to the Soviet leader.

That's How It Is

Mr. Bush can tax my booze,
Hike the gasoline I use,
Or impose a user fee
On all whores from sea to sea;
But if he unwisely jacks
Rates up on my income tax,
I'll be horrid and uncouth
When I reach the voting booth.

W. H. VON DREELE

Nicaragua: Losing the Peace

SO FAR, the big losers of Nicaragua's elections have been the Contras, 21 of whose leaders found themselves, on May 26, holed up in two Managua hotels under siege by Sandinista Black Beret forces. The reason: during a meeting that day with government officials on resuming the collapsed demobilization talks, resistance leaders learned of a Nicaraguan Association for Human Rights charge that Sandinista Army regulars had two days earlier murdered 19 disarmed ex-Contras in the north-central town of Waslala. This was far from the first report of the killing of former rebels and their families. Irrate over empty assurances of safety for their disarmed troops, the Contra leaders vowed to suspend the arms-surrendering process and departed for their hotels—only to be followed by the Berets, whose commander threatened death.

Desperate calls to President Violeta Chamorro went unreturned, but a Contra leader did reach Deborah DeMoss (Senator Jesse Helms's aide on Latin America), who called Mrs. Chamorro to intervene. It's all a misunderstanding, *la Presidente* explained—the troops were there for the Contras' "protection." Miss DeMoss, insisting they were in fact imprisoned, then argued with Mrs. Chamorro's son-in-law and éminence grise Antonio Lacayo. He blasted the Contras and vowed defiance; Miss DeMoss countered that congressional conservatives would be outraged, and the conversation abruptly ended.

Within two hours, however, the government—now under additional pressure from Cardinal Obando y Bravo—called off the Berets. And three days later it reached a new agreement with the resistance, giving demobilized Contras commitments to food, housing, jobs, and self-policing powers in regional "development centers" where they can choose to settle.

But the Contras are wary, with good reason, that this accord too could be violated. In addition to the murders and hotel-siege incident, there have been too many other bad signs since the February elections: the military is still called the Sandinista Army; President Chamorro easily caved in to a bul-

lying Sandinista strike last month; El Salvador's Marxist guerrilla force has been allowed to keep its Managua office (in part because two of Mrs. Chamorro's children and a nephew have close FMLN ties); and Lacayo—who approved the FMLN deal and did business with the Sandinistas throughout the 1980s—is an ardent Contra foe.

It's what some imagined the situation would be like had Daniel Ortega won.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 6-16-90

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: PATTY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN H. SUNUNU *JHS*

SUBJECT: Home-to-Work Transportation for Chief of Protocol

Issue: Whether to grant the request from the Chief of Protocol, U.S. Department of State, that he be designated as eligible to receive home-to-work transportation.

Background: By statute, you may designate ten officers and employees of federal agencies as eligible for such transportation. (These ten designations are in addition to the Executive Office of the President designations that you have already made.) Thus far, you have not used this authority.

Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed has again requested that you designate him as eligible for such transportation. He has made the case that this transportation is necessary for him to be effective in carrying out his diplomatic functions. His most recent memorandum on this subject is attached.

Proposed Decision: I recommend that the Chief of Protocol be granted portal-to-portal transportation, effective immediately, but limited to those situations in which it is most related to the necessity and convenience of the government -- i.e. when the use of such transportation would be appreciably more efficient than alternative arrangements. This would be the case, for example, when he is proceeding from his home directly to an official government arrival ceremony at which he is required to use a government car. The need in these circumstances is demonstrably legitimate.

Concur *CB* Do not concur _____ Let's discuss _____

Attachment *6-14-90*

United States Department of State

The Chief of Protocol
Washington, D.C. 20520

March 30, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Chief of Staff
FROM : The Chief of Protocol
RE : Authorized Transportation

The Chief of Protocol of the White House holds a position that is unique in government. It is a position that must conform to the obligations which are incumbent on host nations under international law, practice, custom, conventions and protocols. As the officer of the United States Government charged with the responsibility of overseeing the diplomatic corps, the Chief must be immediately available to all members of this corps on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week for both ordinary and extraordinary circumstances.

In requesting authorization for a motor vehicle for the Chief of Protocol, then Secretary of State Shultz made the point that the Chief "holds a position which is unique in the federal government."

Under universal diplomatic usage and custom, the Chief must also be/at the disposition and convenience of the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary of State in connection with their duties to receive chiefs of state and dignitaries of other nations, to themselves travel to other nations, and to receive and treat with the representatives of foreign nations accredited to the White House.

The unrestricted availability of a motor vehicle to the Chief has been the uninterrupted practice of every Administration stretching back to the time when such vehicles were first authorized for government business.

In the same document quoted above (letter to the Chief of Staff of the White House, dated June 13, 1986 from Secretary Shultz) (copy attached), in requesting the requisite Presidential authorization for such a vehicle under 31 USC 1344 (b) (1), (B) and (C), wrote, "It is imperative that the Chief of Protocol be one of the ten Executive Department officials that may be authorized transportation by the President." He concluded: "The Chief would be unable to perform the job effectively without authorized transportation."

It is respectfully requested that the requisite Presidential approval be renewed.