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July 16, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT G. BELL *RGB*
FROM: STEVEN R. JONES *J*
SUBJECT: Letters to President RE: Military Base Closure
Decision

This is the second batch of letters from Members of Congress asking the President for special consideration for bases in their districts prior to his base closure decision.

Based upon our analysis and the recommendations of Secretary Aspin and General Powell, President Clinton approved the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission and forwarded them to Congress on July 2.

A summary of the Members' letters follows:

Package #5066 - Rangel, et al: New York. Protests the loss of 75 percent of the major active duty military installations in New York. Urges the President to return the report to the Commission with instructions to alleviate the impact on New York. (Note: This is the second letter from Senators Moynihan and D'Amato -- the previous proposed response from the President is sufficient to answer both letters.)

Package #5078 - Lieberman, et al: Connecticut. Urges the President to accept the Commission's recommendations regarding Groton-New London.

Package #5080 - Robb, et al: Virginia. Protests the Naval Systems Commands realignment out of Crystal City and forwards numerous enclosures supporting Navy purchase of facilities in Crystal City. Requests the President ask DoD and Navy to consider the ownership alternative. (Note: In separate action the Charles E. Smith Company has brought suit against DoD charging that the Crystal City leased space are not bases and should not be under the purview of the base closure and realignment process.)

Package #5098 - Pelosi, et al: California. Asks the President to announce specific assistance programs during his July 5 visit to California and specifically consider the California State University system CAREER/PRO program. (Note: The President and Bob Rubin met with Bay area officials on July 5 and discussed the President's 5-point assistance program. David Lane also met with officials specifically on the CAREER/PRO program.)

Package #5143 - Feinstein. Asks the President to return the Commission's report with recommendations to reconsider the cumulative economic impact on California and the closure of Alameda Naval Air Station. Senator Feinstein includes a "frowny face" as a postscript to this letter. (Note: The President's response to Senator Feinstein's previous letter regarding Alameda sufficiently addresses concerns expressed in both letters.)

Package #5144 - Hall, et al: Ohio. Urges the President to return recommendations to the Commission disapproving closing the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton, Ohio and relocating its mission to the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Package #5145 - Cox: California. Asks the President to reconsider closing the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro and the transfer of the 3rd Air Wing to Miramar. (Note: Representative Cox's wife was one of the Commissioners; however she recused herself from votes on bases in her husband's district.)

Package #5152 - Pickett: Virginia. Requests the President disapprove the Commission recommendation to close the Naval Aviation Depot in Norfolk.

Package #5156 - Wofford: Pennsylvania. Urges the President to oppose the recommended closure of the Defense Personnel Support Center's Clothing Factory in Philadelphia.

Package #5157 - Graham and Mack: Florida. Asks the President to reconsider closing Orlando Naval Training Center and Orlando Naval Hospital.

The proposed response, similar for all congressional inquiries regarding the President's base closure decision, focuses on the Administration's plan to speed base reuse planning, environmental cleanup, property disposal and worker transition in communities with bases recommended for closure.

The letters of reply are tailored to specific concerns, including the meeting the President held on July 5 with local officials in San Francisco and recent meetings the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment have had with Northern Virginia officials. Transition Coordinators are specifically referenced only for those areas where they have been assigned.

The NSC Executive Secretary requested that due to the volume of inquiries, responses be processed in groups rather than individually.

In draft *In draft* *In draft*

Concurrences by: Jeremy Rosner, Keith Hahn, David Lane (NEC)

RECOMMENDATION

That you send a joint memo with Howard Paster and Bob Rubin to the President (Tab I) recommending his signature at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab I	Memorandum for the President
Tab A	Letters to Members of Congress
Tab B	Incoming Correspondence

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
HOWARD PASTER
ROBERT RUBIN

SUBJECT: Letters RE: Military Base Closure Decision

Purpose

To respond to letters from Members of Congress asking for special consideration for military bases in their districts prior to your base closure decision.

Background

You approved the Commission's recommendations on July 2 and transmitted them to Congress. The proposed response at Tab A, similar for all congressional inquiries regarding your base closure decision, focuses on your announced 5-point plan to speed base reuse planning, environmental cleanup, property disposal and worker transition in communities with bases recommended for closure or realignment.

The letters are tailored to specific concerns, including the meeting you had on July 5 with local officials in San Francisco and recent meetings of the Office of Economic Adjustment with local officials in northern Virginia. Transition Coordinators are specifically referenced for areas where they have been assigned.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Members of Congress and Local Officials
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations to close or realign Air Force bases and a Navy station in Plattsburgh, Rome and Staten Island.

After careful review, which included the analysis and recommendations of Secretary Aspin and General Powell, I found the recommendations contained in the Commission's report on balance to be acceptable. Accordingly, I approved the Commission's recommendations on July 2 and transmitted them to Congress in accordance with the law. The Congress now has 45 days to act upon the base closure list.

I am aware of the difficult choices inherent in this process and the impacts on local communities having a long and proud military tradition. This is, however, a necessary process to eliminate excess infrastructure and ensure the quality of our future military forces. It is now time to focus on how we can aggressively assist those communities and people in their base reuse and economic redevelopment activities.

As you know, I announced on July 2 a five-point plan to revitalize communities adversely affected by base closure and realignments. The plan will speed economic development planning, environmental cleanup, property disposal and worker transition. Transition coordinators are being assigned to hard hit communities to be full-time advocates, trained to cut through red tape and speed redevelopment.

I appreciate your concern regarding base closures. We must take the actions necessary to ensure the strength and readiness of our future military forces. I look forward to working with Congress to make our base revitalization efforts a success.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Fish:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations to close or realign Air Force bases and a Navy station in Plattsburgh, Rome and Staten Island.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Package #5066

No responses are required for Senators Moynihan and D'Amato.
Responses already sent to them (NSC #4884) cover both of their
letters.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter urging that I accept the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations concerning the Groton-New London Submarine Base.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

'Dear Sam:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations concerning the realignment of Naval Systems Commands located in the Crystal City portion of Arlington, Virginia.

After careful review, which included the analysis and recommendations of Secretary Aspin and General Powell, I found the recommendations contained in the Commission's report on balance to be acceptable. Accordingly, I approved the Commission's recommendations on July 2 and transmitted them to Congress in accordance with the law. The Congress now has 45 days to act upon the base closure list.

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I appreciate your concern regarding base closures. We must take the actions necessary to ensure the strength and readiness of our future military forces. I look forward to working with Congress to make our base revitalization efforts a success.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Charles S. Robb
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

'Dear Senator Warner:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable James P. Moran
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

.Dear Nancy:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable George Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Lynn C. Woolsey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Dan Hamburg
House of Representatives
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Fortney Stark
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Anna:

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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Package #5143

President's previous response to Senator Feinstein (NSC #4742/4861) adequately addresses both of the Senator's letters. Another response from the President is not required.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Tony:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations to move the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton, Ohio, to the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus, Ohio.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Tony P. Hall
House of Representatives
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas E. Heine
President
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
5th and Maine Streets
Dayton, OH 45402

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

.Dear Mayor Hartmann:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations to move the Defense Electronics Supply Center in Dayton, Ohio, to the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus, Ohio.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Richard P. Hartmann
Mayor
Kettering Government Center
3600 Shroyer Road
Kettering, OH 45429

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Dear Representative Cox:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report and their recommendations to close the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, California, and to transfer the Third Marine Air Wing to the Naval Air Station at Miramar, California.

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Christopher Cox
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Harris:

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The Honorable Harris Wofford
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



THE NEW YORK STATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



June 30, 1993

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter was approved by the New York State Congressional Delegation at a recent meeting.

On behalf of the Delegation, we hope you will respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

CHARLES B. RANGEL
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the New York State Congressional Delegation, we are writing to express our most urgent concern regarding the recent actions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. Specifically, we want to register our united opposition to the BRACC recommendations that will, if implemented, have devastating and inequitable consequences for the entire State of New York.

We all recognize the need to restructure our military in view of pressing problems here at home and the realities of the world in the post-Cold War era. In that regard, we have in the past and will in the future support every reasonable initiative to make the hard budgetary decisions necessary to meet these realities.

In this instance, however, the BRACC has totally abandoned both reason and the dictates of the law. Through its recommendations to close and realign Air Force bases and a Navy station in Plattsburgh, Rome and Staten Island, respectively, the Commission totally ignored the provisions of the Department of Defense criteria relating to economic impact.

Those recommendations would require New York State to bear an inordinate number of facility cuts. If enacted, the BRACC plan would, coupled with a previous action to downsize an Army depot in Romulus, represent a loss of 75% of New York's total active military facilities, leaving a single base still operating in a state of 18 million residents. In total, the recommendations in question would result in the direct loss of nearly 10,000 jobs and between \$800 million and \$1 billion in economic activity, with untold associated consequences for the communities involved.

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In its other actions, the BRACC demonstrated its sensitivity to the question of economic impact. In decisions affecting such areas as Charleston, South Carolina, and Homestead, Florida, the Commission moved to ameliorate the negative consequences of its decisions. New York expects no less.

As one of the original 13 colonies, New York State has compiled a proven military record in support of our democracy. If allowed to occur, the BRACC decisions will all but eliminate the active presence of the armed forces of the United States from the State of New York. This is totally unacceptable.

Given the above circumstances, we urge you to return the BRACC report unsigned with instructions to take steps to alleviate the devastating impact of its recommendations as they relate to the State of New York. Without such action, we will not, we could not, support the adoption of the plan.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

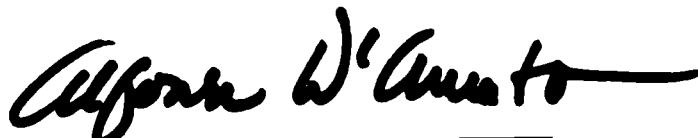
With best wishes, we are

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 6, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER 
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

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July 1, 1993

Hon. William J. Clinton
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The White House
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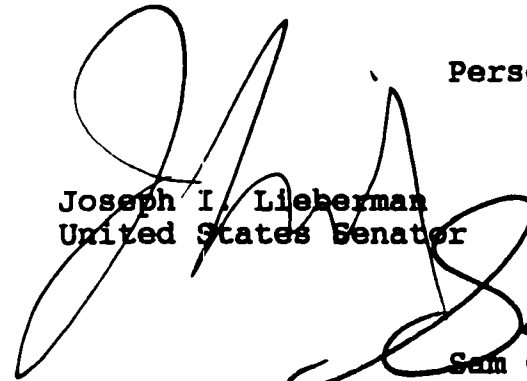
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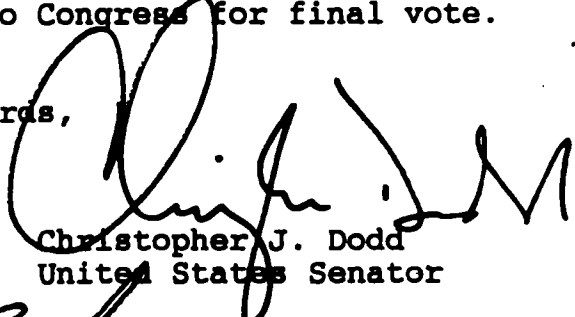
Now that the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission has completed its hearings and developed its final list, the process moves on to its next step, which is your approval of the Commission's recommendations. The Commissioners and their staff conducted a rigorous analysis of the initial DoD recommendations and have, we believe, made prudent changes to the DoD list.

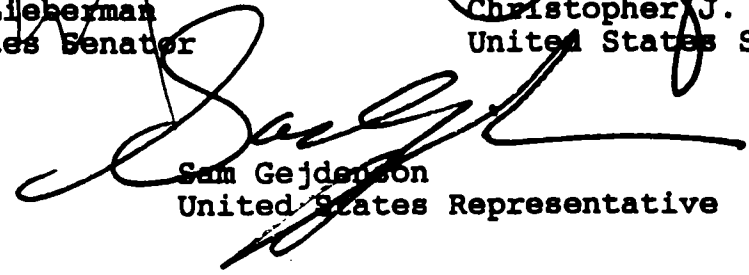
The Commission's decision to reject the Navy's realignment proposal for the Groton-New London Submarine Base was justified and correct. The total cost of the realignment would have exceeded \$400 million with no return on that investment until well after the turn of the century. Therefore, the initial DoD recommendation was rightly overturned by the Commission. We also believe that the Commission rightly accepted the DoD recommendation to relocate the Nuclear Power and Nuclear "A" Schools to New London. This move will strengthen the regional synergy that already exists among the Tactical Development Squadron, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and Electric Boat.

Mr. President, we applaud the efforts of the Base Closure Commission. They have performed admirably under very difficult conditions. We believe their recommendations will achieve significant savings both in the near term and over the next several years. We strongly urge you to accept their recommendations and forward the list to Congress for final vote.

Personal regards,


Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senator


Christopher J. Dodd
United States Senator


Sam Gejdenson
United States Representative

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 09, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH LIEBERMAN

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT THE
BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS
AND FORWARD THE LIST TO CONGRESS FOR FINAL
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, on Sunday the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted to recommend the realignment of Naval Systems Commands (NSC) currently located in leased space in the Crystal City portion of Arlington, Virginia. We are writing to express our serious concerns about the potential costs to the American taxpayer of the proposed realignment and to bring to your attention an alternative proposal that could provide hundreds of millions of dollars in savings.

The Navy maintains that the proposed realignment of NSC functions would result in a net savings of some \$592 million over 20 years. Working with Arthur Andersen & Co. we have carefully reviewed the Navy's analysis and have found cost savings figures to be dramatically overstated. In fact, our comprehensive analysis, a summary of which is included with this letter as Enclosure 1, demonstrates that costs to the American taxpayer of as much as \$300 million are likely.

In order to achieve these savings, the Navy estimates it will have to expend upfront costs of approximately \$441 million over the next several years. See Enclosure 2. While our report clearly demonstrates that any projected savings from the proposed realignment are overstated and speculative, these upfront costs are real and unavoidable and will be expended in the next several years if the proposed realignment is approved.

In an effort to ensure the Navy's continued presence in northern Virginia, the Crystal City property owners developed an attractive proposal to provide the Navy with ownership of currently leased facilities. See Enclosure 3. This proposal, which was submitted to the Base Closure Commission, the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration (GSA) is economically attractive and could save taxpayers millions of dollars. In addition, the proposal would allow the commands to remain co-located with the Pentagon and with each other, which the Navy has argued for decades is essential.

As the enclosed materials demonstrate, when compared against the upfront costs projected in the Navy's analysis, the federal government and the American taxpayer could save hundreds of millions of dollars by purchasing the facilities located in Crystal City. See Enclosure 4.

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GSA has reviewed the ownership proposals and has termed them "in keeping with current real estate markets, therefore seriously tendered and of potential interest to us." See Enclosure 5. During Sunday's Base Closure Commission deliberations Chairman Courter noted that while the Commission did not have authority to consider the offers, they appeared to be attractive. He encouraged the Navy to explore the property owners' proposals and, if they appeared to offer a cost savings to the federal government, to pursue them.

Mr. President, we strongly believe that the opportunity for the federal government to own facilities in Crystal City to house the Navy could provide a substantial cost savings too strong to be ignored. Given current concerns about reducing the federal deficit, we believe it is only prudent and wise to investigate carefully the potential savings offered by the ownership alternative, and to pursue ownership of the facilities if this is the most cost-effective option.

We understand that many factors will affect your decision whether to accept the Base Closure Commission's final report including these recommendations or whether to return the report to the Commission. If you opt to return the report to the Commission, we strongly encourage you to include this issue as one of the reasons.

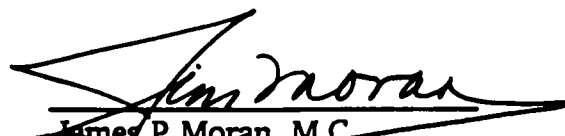
If, however, you opt to forward the report to Congress, we ask for your assurances that, as suggested by Chairman Courter, you will ask the Departments of Defense and Navy to consider carefully the ownership alternative presented by the Crystal City property owners and to pursue the ownership option if it is determined to be economically attractive. We believe this review is essential to resolving serious questions about the Navy's analysis of the proposed realignment and to ensure that the federal government and the American taxpayer receive the highest level of savings from the work of the Base Closure Commission.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our views.

Sincerely,


Charles S. Robb


John W. Warner


James P. Moran, M.C.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 1993

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Once again the Base Realignment and Closure Commission has recommended base closures that could devastate the economy and undermine the very fabric of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area that have served and supplied the U.S. military for decades. Closure of facilities on the "Round 3" list will directly result in the elimination of about 23,000 military and civilian jobs in northern California, in addition to 34,000 from the first two rounds of closure. Tens of thousands of other jobs will be lost indirectly, and possibly hundreds of small businesses will be forced to close.

Unless the Federal government takes quick, decisive action, the skills, technology and infrastructure embodied in these bases will be irreversibly lost. We ask that you, on your July 5th visit to San Francisco, acknowledge this challenge and announce specific programs designed to overcome the hardship of closure.

Your speech before the National Education Association -- or a visit to a present or former military base in the Bay Area -- would provide an excellent opportunity to announce the implementation of such a program, Section 4452 of the Defense Authorization Act of 1993. This section already authorizes the granting of \$10 million to institutions of higher education to provide education and training applicable to cleaning up Defense facilities.

As the attached letter from the northern California leaders of the California State University system explains, their institutions have already organized one such program, the California Economic Recovery and Environmental Restoration Project (CAREER/PRO). We believe it would be appropriate for you to announce, during your visit to San Francisco, that your administration is developing a cooperative agreement with the CSU system to undertake such training as soon as possible.

July 1, 1993

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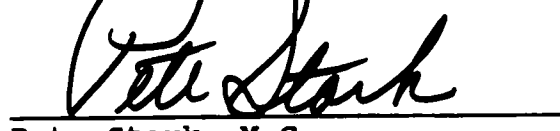
Launching CAREER/PRO would be only a small down payment toward what we would hope to be a larger commitment to economic conversion in California, but in view of the devastating impact of the recently proposed closures, it would serve as a powerful, tangible message to the people of northern California that they have not been forgotten.

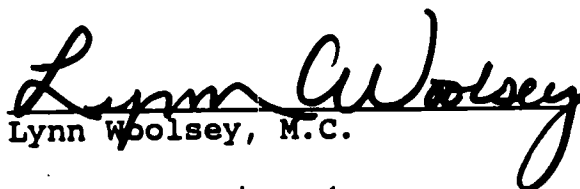
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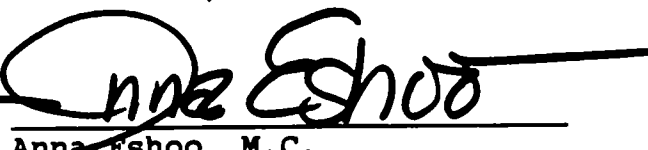

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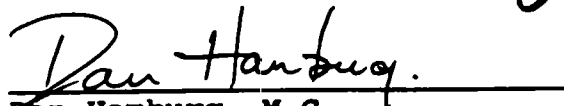

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June 30, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission has again recommended the closing of major military installations in the San Francisco Bay Area. While many people in our region hope that you will reject the base closure commission's recommendation, we believe, when all the decisions are made, that most of the proposed closures will be approved. To combat the despair unleashed by the Commission's recommendations and to accelerate plans for the cleanup and reuse of closing bases, we urge you to address the problems of base conversion during your upcoming July 5 visit to San Francisco.

In particular, we urge you to embrace and implement a small but important program already funded by Congress in the fiscal year 1993 Defense Authorization Act. Section 4452 of that act authorizes the Secretary of Defense to provide \$10 million in grants to institutions of higher education to provide training in environmental restoration and hazardous waste management. Such training would have two benefits: First, it would open up comparable employment opportunities for dislocated Defense workers; second, it would provide the personnel to accelerate the remediation of contaminated bases, facilitating their timely reuse.

In anticipation of the availability of such funds, San Francisco State University's Urban Institute has organized, CAREER/PRO, the California Economic Recovery and Environmental Restoration Project. CAREER/PRO will recruit, counsel, support, train, and place dislocated defense workers in the enormous task of cleaning up contamination at California bases and weapons plants. CAREER/PRO is an inclusive partnership, not only linking together the northern California members of the California State University (CSU) system, but involving as active participants representatives of community colleges and other educational institutions, the environmental technology industry, organized labor, and environmental and other community-based organizations.

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
June 30, 1993
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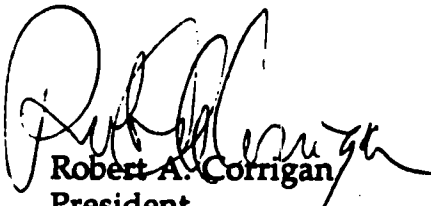
We encourage you to announce this action either during your San Francisco speech to the National Education Association or on a visit to a former or active Bay Area military installation. Making this announcement at such a critical time would serve as a signal to people of northern California, particularly those who have depended upon the base for their livelihood, that the Clinton Administration does not consider base closures a political disaster too distasteful to acknowledge, but a challenge and an opportunity.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

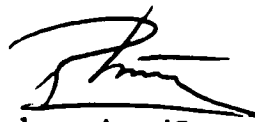
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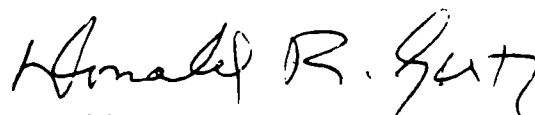
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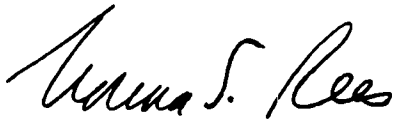
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President from various members of Congress.

Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in having drafts written.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x7500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Bill Jefferson (D-LA), concerning Nigeria;
- 2) Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition, concerning discussions in Japan;
- 3) Charlie Rangel (D-NY) and others, concerning base closures;
- 4) Harry Johnston (D-FL) concerning gays in the military;
- 5) Bob Kerrey (D-NE), concerning IMF loans to Vietnam;
- ✓ 6) Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and others, concerning base closures;
- 7) Robert Byrd (D-WV) concerning DFAS centers;
- 8) Peter King (R-NY) concerning international loans to Vietnam;
- 9) Jerry Nadler (D-NY) and others, concerning Haitian refugees from Guantanamo Bay;
- 10) Jerry Solomon (R-NY), concerning loans to Vietnam;
- 11) Joe Lieberman (D-CT) and others, concerning base closures;

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June 29, 1993

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

Dear Mr. President:

This round of base closures is a wipe-out for my State. California will suffer approximately 35 percent of the net Department of Defense (DoD) personnel reductions nationwide, though the State has less than 15 percent of all DoD personnel. Similarly, California bore an even greater disproportionate hit from the 1988 and 1991 base closure rounds when 17 military installations were slated for closure. California already stands to lose over 68,000 direct military and civilian jobs, representing over 60 percent of all the DoD personnel reductions.

The San Francisco Bay Area, with five major naval facilities recommended for closure, will suffer the greatest economic impact in the United States. In the Bay Area alone, nearly 70,000 jobs -- mostly good blue-collar and minority jobs -- will be wiped-out. In addition, more than \$2.5 billion in economic activity annually will disappear from the Bay Area.

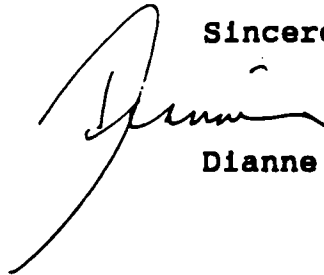
In my earlier letter, I asked that you request the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission to reconsider the closure of the Alameda Naval Air Station. Once again, I respectfully and earnestly plead that you do so. It makes no sense to spend almost \$200 million more to build a new base in Everett, Washington and sacrifice a perfectly good and operational base (Alameda NAS) and thousands of jobs. Mr. President, hard working people, thousands of them, will lose their jobs and very likely their homes in the San Francisco Bay Area if you do nothing. In Everett, few jobs, if any, will be lost.

The hardest hit area in the nation, jobwise, in this round is also the San Francisco Bay Area. Big bases -- Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Treasurer Island, Oakland Naval Hospital, Alameda Naval Aviation Depot, and Alameda Naval Air Station -- are being closed in one fell swoop, with a job loss of nearly 70,000.

The President
June 29, 1993
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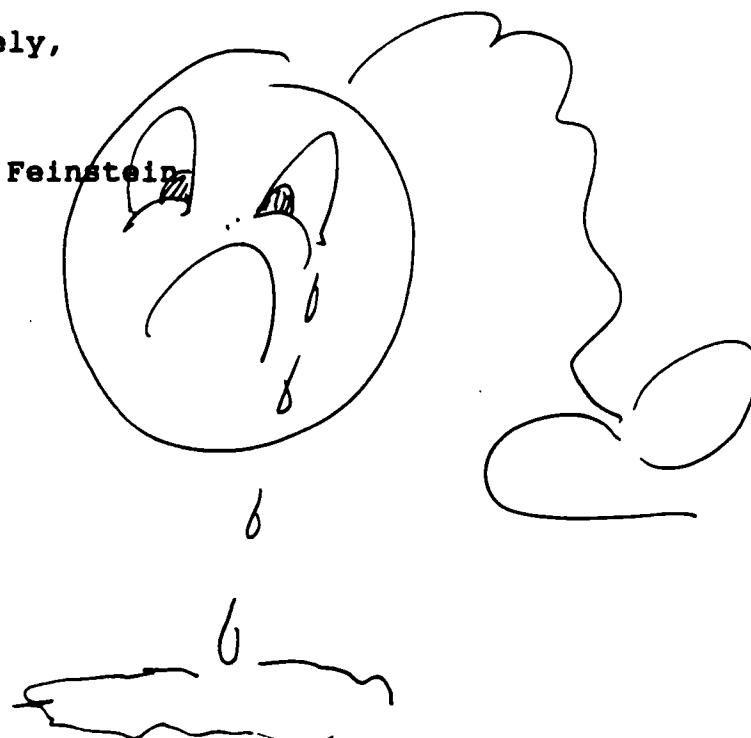
Mr. President, please don't just do nothing. If you ask the Base Closure Commission to reconsider Alameda Naval Air Station, I believe they will. If you do nothing, the result will be a terrible hardship for more than 30,000 people.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 1, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS *HP*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

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TONY P. HALL
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June 30, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

I realize that you probably would like nothing more than to wash your hands of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission process and sign off on the Commission's recommendations without a glance. I can't blame you. But to do so would be a travesty.

The attached article from the Dayton Daily News clearly shows that the recommendation to move the Defense Electronics Supply Center (DESC) in Dayton, Ohio, to Columbus, Ohio, is not justified. If the purpose of scaling back the military is to save money, this recommendation is without merit. It has been clearly shown that the DESC proposal offers more cost-savings.

Some may say, "DESC offers only an additional \$100 or \$200 million savings over DCSC." Well, it's those \$100 and \$200 millions that add up to the \$4 trillion debt. Why are we going to build new buildings when we have facilities that architecture and engineering firms - one of which has worked frequently with the Commission - say will last every bit as long if not longer than new construction? These DESC buildings may not be as pretty as new construction but they are rock solid concrete.

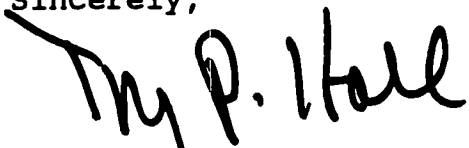
It's as if we won the game - in proving that DESC offered the most cost-effective consolidation site - only to have the officials change the rules after the game. But this is no game. We're talking about the lives and employment of 2,900 people and the tax dollars of every American.

Mr. President, if you are truly committed to reducing military spending and helping the American taxpayer, you cannot afford to ignore this letter and the attached article. Here is a prime opportunity to stand up for the little guy, to show the American people you mean business and will not tolerate politics when it comes to beating the national debt. Send a message that what's right is right, and that the average American still can make a difference in government decisions.

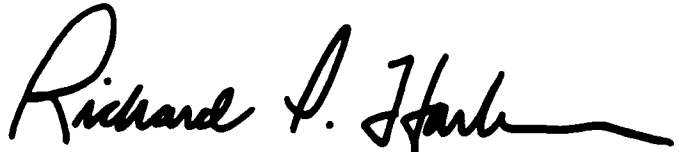
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June 30, 1993
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Help preserve our faith in the federal government. We encourage you to return the Commission's recommendations stating your disapproval with the consolidation of DESC at DCSC in Columbus.

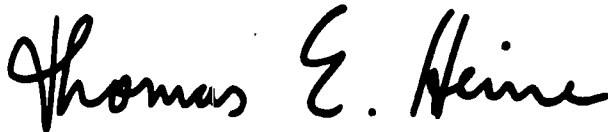
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Tony P. Hall
Member of Congress



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Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood
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New buildings, untallied costs aid DESC move

By Tom Price
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The Defense Electronics Supply Center is leaving Kettering because the Defense Logistics Agency wants new buildings and the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which wanted to close bases, ignored more than \$123 million in costs.

DLA gave top priority to "expandability" when it proposed moving DESC to the suburban Columbus installation that currently houses the Defense Construction Supply Center, the commissioners were told by Bob Cook, their top staffer for logistics agency matters.

What Cook meant was expandability into new buildings.

Cook said the Columbus installation has more than 100 acres available for new construction.

By contrast, Kettering's Gentile Station, where DESC is based, has just 35 acres. That makes Columbus the best site for possible future consolidation of DLA's hardware inventory management offices, he said.

Gentile could accept more consolidation than Columbus in renovated space, according to commission documents. Existing Gentile buildings contain 1.9 million square feet, compared to 1.4 million at Columbus, the documents indicate.

But Cook steered the commissioners away from renovation.

"DLA presently occupies World War I and World War II facilities, and they're not the best facilities," Cook said.

A planned Columbus facility, costing \$89 million, is "a state-of-the-art building that I think needs

to be there," Cook said.

Even so, DESC workers will themselves in renovated buildings in Columbus, Cook said. DCS operations will move into the building and old DCSC facilities will be renovated for 10 years.

The Air Force has said it close Gentile after 10 years, and commissioners said that was a key factor. Consolidating in Columbus would not close the Columbus installation because a military supply depot would stay at DLA said.

"Our task is closing," Commissioner Robert Stuart said.

Commissioner Beverly By agreed.

The issue of the overall cost of moving DESC to Columbus was not discussed during the commission deliberations.

Data sheets released during deliberations did not isolate costs of moving DESC to Columbus and moving DC C Kettering.

Comparison of consolidation at Kettering or Columbus — which also included moving operations from Michigan — showed each site saving \$256 million over 20 years. One-time consolidation costs were said to be \$112 million at Gentile and \$1 million at Columbus.

After all costs were recovered, annual savings of \$80 million were projected in Columbus and \$10 million in Kettering.

But the Columbus consolidation costs did not include the million building or the expense of closing Gentile and relocating operations other than DESC.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1993

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 09, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TONY HALL

SUBJECT: ENCLURAGES THE PRESIDENT TO RETURN THE
COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS STATING YOUR
DISAPPROVAL WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF DESC
AT DCSC IN COLUMBUS

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June 28, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will soon forward to you its recommendations for your review and approval.

I am writing to ask that you carefully reconsider the Commission's decision to close Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, California, and to transfer the Third Marine Air Wing to Naval Air Station at Miramar, California.

The Pentagon has released economic data which make clear that the closure of El Toro and the relocation of the Marines to Miramar will cost significantly more than was originally estimated. Indeed, by the Pentagon's own estimates, this closing and relocation will cost the better part of a billion dollars.

Two years ago, when Marine Corps Air Station at Tustin was placed on the closure list, I was one of only two Congressmen in America to support the closure of a base in his district. I did this because it made military and economic sense.

I oppose the decision to close Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro and relocate the Third Marine Air Wing to Naval Air Station at Miramar because it will accomplish neither of these goals. It will not serve the interests of taxpayers; nor will it advance our national security. I respectfully request that you reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Christopher Cox
U.S. Representative

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1993

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 09, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT RECONSIDER THE
COMMISSION'S DECISION TO CLOSE MARINE CORPS
AIR STATION AT EL TORO, CALIFORNIA

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COMMITTEES
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July 1, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to disapprove the recommendation of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) to close Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) Norfolk.

The Commission's recommendation to close NADEP Norfolk ignores the operational and economic value of having a Naval aviation depot in close proximity to the largest concentration of Naval assets anywhere in the world, is based upon inaccurate and incomplete economic and financial data, and will do grievous harm to the readiness and operational efficiency of the Navy. The following summarizes the very compelling arguments in support of NADEP Norfolk.

I. Faulty Data

A. Personnel Savings. The savings reported by the Navy based upon personnel reductions will not be realized. This personnel reduction has already been implemented because of declining workloads and the military drawdown. BRAC can take no credit for this saving. Other savings and benefits have been grossly and inaccurately stated by the Navy. An independent analysis prepared by Coopers & Lybrand confirms egregious errors in the Navy data. A copy of the Coopers & Lybrand report is attached.

B. Overhead Costs. Overhead costs of NADEP Norfolk were knowingly misstated by the Navy. It was widely known and accepted that labor and overhead costs from FY 1992, on which the Navy submission to BRAC was based, are abnormally high because the facility was transitioning out of engine repair during this period.

Measuring overhead and labor costs over a longer period of time -- five years for example, as recommended by the GAO representatives -- shows that NADEP Norfolk has the lowest

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overhead and labor rates of any depot.

C. No Cost Assigned for Increased Transportation Costs And Inventory Requirements. The Navy Base Structure and Evaluation Committee (BSEC) responsible for developing the Navy's closure recommendations did not include in their comparative data the cost of transporting aircraft and component parts from Norfolk to other NADEPs, nor did they consider the added costs implicit in increased turn-around time and the additional inventory requirements arising from a lengthened processing pipeline. One suggestion for curing the transportation deficiency was to use helicopters -- at \$5,000 per operating hour.

D. Other Omissions. By simply "assuming away" all adverse data and consequences, the Navy arrived at a contrived closure decision that is not supported by facts or common sense.

II. Military Value

A. Omission of Engine Repair Capability. In establishing the military value of NADEP Norfolk, the Navy completely omitted the facility's engine repair capability. This intentional and erroneous omission obviously skewed the data. Also ignored was the fact that as a part of its change in workload, NADEP Norfolk was established as the East Coast HUB facility.

NADEP Norfolk still retains the trained personnel, facilities, and equipment to repair and overhaul aircraft engines.

III. Collocation With the Fleet

Norfolk, Virginia is home to the largest concentration of Naval assets anywhere in the world. The collocation here of Norfolk Naval Station, Naval Air Station Norfolk, Naval Supply Center Norfolk, Naval Air Station Oceana, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Dam Neck Fleet Combat Training Center, and numerous other related commands creates a synergism that cannot be duplicated. NADEP Norfolk provides services to all of these. Turn-around time is minimal on urgently needed aircraft components and repairs, engineering support, and other vital services.

While the principal mission of NADEP Norfolk is to repair aircraft, the facility performs numerous ancillary services, ranging from state-of-the-art plating services to

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sophisticated calibration work aboard ships. Absolutely no value was placed on this critically important service to the fleet. The Navy contends that, "Collocation with fleet assets is not requisite to NADEP mission completion." Whoever made this statement knows little about day-to-day Navy operations and cares nothing about cost effective operations and fleet readiness.

Mr. President, I implore you to examine carefully these comments and the process that resulted in the decision to recommend NADEP Norfolk for closure. This decision is contrary to the best interests of the Navy and the American taxpayer. I ask that you not concur in the recommendation of the BRAC Commission to close NADEP Norfolk.

I would be pleased to meet personally with you or any of your deputies, to discuss this matter further.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Owen Pickett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Owen Pickett
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: HOWARD G. PASTER *HP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

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- 2) Clay Shaw (R-FL), concerning Arab boycott against Israel;
- 3) Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) and the CBC, concerning inclusion of development initiative for South Africa to be included in final agreement of Economic Summit;
- 4) Larry Pressler (R-SD) and others, concerning policy toward Angola;
- 5) Claiborne Pell (D-RI) and others, concerning former Portuguese colony of East Timor;
- 6) Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), concerning U.S. flag fleet;
- 7) Dan Burton (R-IN) and others, concerning arms embargo on Angola.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 09, 1993

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE OWEN PICKETT

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DISAPPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE
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NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT (NADEP) NORFOLK

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3803

July 1, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As you review the 1993 Base Closure and Realignment Commission's recommendations, I urge you to oppose the suggested closure of the Defense Personnel Support Center's Clothing Factory in Philadelphia.

The Commission's decision to close the Clothing Factory was based on the premise that clothing requirements for the Armed Force can be fulfilled cost effectively by commercial manufacturers without compromising quality or delivery lead time. I am convinced that the Commission is misguided in their conclusions and that the factory has a unique mission that can not be duplicated in the private sector.

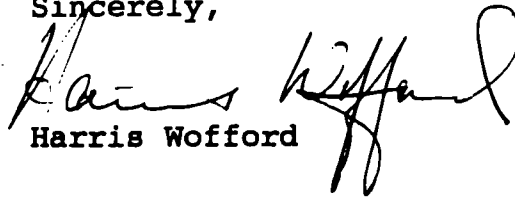
The Clothing Factory was designed to provide the Department of Defense with a dependable, flexible, quick response source for the clothing needs of the Armed Forces in times of war or other emergencies. The factory's capability to meet this mission was evident during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. They were the only manufacturer in the United States that supplied goods to our forces for the first 60 days of the conflict. Not a single commercial manufacturer was capable of this quick response to our country's needs.

The factory's workforce is capable of producing over 200 different items required by our service men and women. Such flexibility does not exist in the private sector. Time and again this factory has had to urgently make-up for shortfalls in the private sector. In 1991, over thirty items needed to be mass-produced at the factory because no vendor wanted the military contract.

The Commission based its recommendation to close the factory on outdated information. It neglected to consider the factory's current responsibilities. For the last several years the Clothing Factory has become a research and development center of excellence in the prototyping and production of military clothing. The expertise is shared with the private sector to improve the commercial production of goods for the military at a lower cost.

Therefore, I urge you to reexamine the case of the Defense Personnel Support Center's Clothing Factory. I believe you will agree that the Commission was in error in their decision to close this outstanding facility.

Sincerely,

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Harris Wofford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0903

July 1, 1993

The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

As the Base Closure and Realignment Commission has submitted its report to you, we are writing to ask that as you review it, great reconsideration be given to the decision to close Orlando Naval Training Center and Orlando Naval Hospital. It is our feeling that the process was flawed to the extent that these two sites were closed without the complete disclosure of supporting evidence to keep them open.

Had all the information requested been made available to the Commission and the Congress, the Commission would have been able to conclude accurately that operating costs of Orlando NTC are far less than NTC Great Lakes, the facility chosen to remain open as the Navy's only recruit training site. The most essential measure to the Commission for cost savings is the twenty year Net Present Value. In gauging the return on investment of closing Orlando, we must point out that here the process failed to adequately show the extraordinary savings of at least \$400 million over twenty years. Also not given due consideration were the costs associated with the closing of the Orlando Naval Hospital. We argued successfully in 1991 that the costs to the government for health care for retirees in the area would be excessive if the hospital were to close along with the NTC. It is unfortunate that while the high costs are still there, the NTC and hospital must close as a unit without separate consideration.

Mr. President, we strongly implore you to examine the numbers as they pertain to the three Naval Training Centers. We feel, without question, that if all the requested information denied to the Commission and Congress were provided to you, a different conclusion would be reached and Orlando NTC and Naval Hospital would not have been recommended for closure. The results of your reassessment are of extreme importance and we stand ready to assist you in any manner necessary.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Bob Graham
United States Senate



Connie Mack
United States Senate

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