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SUBJECT: BASE CLOSING COMMISSION REPORT TO SECDEF

THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEWS RELEASE DISTRIBUTED TO NEWSMEN
AT THE PENTAGON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1988 AT 10 A.M.:

AS REQUIRED BY ITS CHARTER AND ENDORSING LEGISLATION, THE COM-
MISSION ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE MADE ITS REPORT TODAY
FOLLOWING FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS, VISITS TO 44 INSTALLATIONS BY
MEMBERS AND STAFF, REVIEW OF THE OVERSEAS BASING STUDY, AND NUMEROUS
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS. THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AFFECTS 145 INSTALA-
TIONS, INCLUDING 86 FOR CLOSURE, FIVE FOR PARTIAL CLOSURE, AND 54
OTHERS FOR REALIGNMENT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT A REVIEW OF
OVER 4200 PROPERTIES. THE COMMISSION USED THE MILITARY VALUE OF
THE BASING STRUCTURE AS ITS PRIMARY FOCUS BUT ALSO INCLUDED ENVIRON-
MENTAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS.

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THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT THE REALIGNMENTS OF BASES WILL
IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BASE STRUCTURE AND WILL ALSO SAVE
AN ESTIMATED \$693.6 MILLION A YEAR IN BASE OPERATING COSTS WITH A
20-YEAR NET PRESENT VALUE OF \$5.6 BILLION.

RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE REGARDING REDUCTIONS AT THE FOLLOWING
INSTALLATIONS:

ARMY

- O FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY, TO SEMI-ACTIVE STATUS
- O FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH, TO CLOSE
- O CAMERON STATION, VIRGINIA, TO CLOSE
- O PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
- O COOSA RIVER ANNEX, ALABAMA, TO CLOSE
- O NAVAJO DEPOT ACTIVITY, ARIZONA, TO CLOSE
- O FORT WINGATE, NEW MEXICO, TO CLOSE
- O LEXINGTON DEPOT, KENTUCKY, TO CLOSE
- O PONTIAC STORAGE FACILITY, MICHIGAN, TO CLOSE
- O ALABAMA AMMUNITION PIANT, ALABAMA, TO CLOSE
- O NEW ORLEANS MILITARY OCEAN TERMINAL, LOUISIANA, TO CLOSE
- O FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS, TO CLOSE

- O ARMY MATERIAL TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY, MASSACHUSETTS, TO

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CLOSE

- O 52 STAND-ALONE HOUSING INSTALLATIONS IN 13 STATES, TO CLOSE
- O TACONY WAREHOUSE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CLOSE
- O HAMILTON ARMY AIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
- O JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND, INDIANA, TO CLOSE
- O NIKE PHILADELPHIA 41/43, NEW JERSEY, TO CLOSE
- O NIKE KANSAS CITY 30, MISSOURI, TO CLOSE
- O CAPE ST. GEORGE, FLORIDA, TO CLOSE
- O KAPALAMA MILITARY RESERVATION PHASE III, HAWAII, TO CLOSE
- O UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT, OREGON, FOR REALIGNMENT
- O PUEBLO ARMY DEPOT, COLORADO, FOR REALIGNMENT
- O FORT MEADE, MARYLAND, TO CLOSE IN PART
- O FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, TO CLOSE IN PART
- O FORMER NIKE SITE ABERDEEN, MARYLAND, TO CLOSE
- O FORT DES MOINES, IOWA, TO CLOSE IN PART

NAVY

- O NAVAL STATION NEW YORK (BROOKIYN), NEW YORK, TO CLOSE

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- O NAVAL STATION P. GET SOUND (SAND POINT), WASHINGTON, TO CLOSE
- O NAVAL STATION SAN FRANCISCO (HUNTERS POINT), CALIFORNIA, NOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED

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- O NAVAL HOSPITAL PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CLOSE
- O NAVAL STATION GALVESTON, TEXAS, TO CLOSE
- O NAVAL STATION LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, TO CLOSE

AIR FORCE

- O CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS, TO CLOSE
- O GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
- O MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
- O NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
- O PEASE AIR FORCE BASE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO CLOSE

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

- O DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY HERNDON, VIRGINIA, TO CLOSE
 - O BENNETT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FACILITY, COLORADO, TO CLOSE
 - O ARMY RESERVE CENTER GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, TO CLOSE
 - O SALTON SEA TEST BASE, CALIFORNIA, TO CLOSE
 - O NAVAL RESERVE CENTER (COCONUT GROVE), FLORIDA, TO CLOSE
 - O INDIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, INDIANA, TO CLOSE IN PART
- THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED CONSOLIDATIONS AT A NUMBER OF INSTALLATIONS THAT WILL RESULT IN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT TO DEFENSE OPERATIONS. THE FOLLOWING BASES WOULD RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PERSONNEL:

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ARMY

- O FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA
- O FORT BEN HARRISON, INDIANA
- O FORT DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS
- O FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
- O LETTERKENNY DEPOT, PENNSYLVANIA

NAVY

- O NAVAL STATION EVERETT, WASHINGTON
- O NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE, TEXAS
- O NAVAL STATION PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
- O NAVAL STATION STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

AIR FORCE

- O CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
- O MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA
- O MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON
- O MT. HOME AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO
- O SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COMMISSION MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO CONGRESS FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF, INCLUDING: THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE BASE

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CLOSURE ACCOUNT TO A MINIMUM OF \$300 MILLION IN FY90; THE ENACTMENT OF SPECIAL REPROGRAMMING RULES TO PERMIT TRANSFER OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDS INTO THE ACCOUNT AS NECESSARY; STATUTORY RELIEF FROM SECTION 207(A)(2)(B) OF THE BASE CLOSURE ACT WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THE SECRETARY FROM TRANSFERRING FUNDS INTO THE ACCOUNT FROM OTHER DOD ACCOUNTS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN APPROPRIATIONS ACTS; AND STATUTORY RELIEF FROM PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1940 THAT CURRENTLY RESTRICT THE SECRETARY FROM EXPEDITIOUS DISPOSITION OF PROPERTIES.

SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ALSO INCLUDED FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE ADMINISTRATION DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING: THE REMOVAL OF REGULATORY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE SALE OF EXCESS LAND, AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE CURRENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET POLICY THAT REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERAL AGENCIES BE ACCOMPLISHED AT FAIR-MARKET VALUE; THAT DOD ACCELERATE DISPOSAL OF "SALABLE" LAND IN ORDER TO GET PROCEEDS IN THE CLOSURE ACCOUNT RAPIDLY; THAT THE SECRETARY MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE ACCOUNT IN PROPORTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACCOUNT AND TO THEIR EXPECTED SAVINGS FROM CLOSURES.

THE COMMISSION'S CHIEF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE FUTURE
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