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SUBJECT: Studies Prepared by State and Local Governments Concerning BRAC Issues

On several recent occasions, the question has been asked whether an Air Force Wing Commander may consider studies and reports presented by local communities and state government organizations that purport to identify the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) status and vulnerabilities of an installation and the surrounding community infrastructure.

The BRAC law is quite specific as to the process and procedures to follow in considering military installations for closure and realignment recommendations. The deliberation process must be fair and be accomplished in a timely fashion, as defined by milestone dates clearly stated within the law. Additionally, all installations must be considered equally in the process. All Air Force information submitted to Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission must be certified as accurate and complete to the best of the Air Force's belief and knowledge. The process does not permit outside entities to submit information for the Air Force BRAC 2005 analysis, nor may such information be considered, regardless of source.

There is a time when community-based studies, reports and information may be made available in the BRAC process. That is when the Commission conducts public hearings. This will be from approximately May-Sep 05. At that time, local, state and regional organizations and the public at large may submit their ideas, studies and reports to the Commission. It is not acceptable to consider or acknowledge in any way these independent studies and reports as your Commanders develop and you review the certified Air Force BRAC 2005 deliberative data. To do otherwise could only cause the appearance that we are not conducting the BRAC process fairly, impartially and incompliance with BRAC law requirements.

Please provide the widest dissemination of this memorandum. My POC is Mr. Mike Aimone, SAF/IEB, DSN 227-2524.

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