

24 June 2005

## Inquiry Response

**Re:** BI-0096, CT-0409, Coordination of Air Sovereignty Mission with BRAC

**Requester:** OSD BRAC Clearinghouse

**Question:** Were Homeland Security/Air Sovereignty requirements factored into MCI scoring? If so, how, e.g. what questions provided insights into this mission?

**Answer:** Homeland Security/Air Sovereignty requirements were not factored into the MCI scoring, but were considered in the context of the entire basing laydown (see answer below). The BCEG ensured no homeland security objectives were diminished by its recommendations.

**Question:** Please describe how the site protection and response time criteria stipulated by NORTHCOM and PACOM were considered, e.g. BCEG deliberations?

**Answer:** The initial Air Force closure and realignment recommendations were overlaid with NORTHCOM/NORAD Homeland Security/Air Sovereignty requirements for distance and response time. In the few instances where the recommendations impacted Homeland Security/Air Sovereignty coverage, adjustments were made to satisfy NORAD/NORTHCOM distance and response time requirements. The DoD basing recommendations were reviewed by the NORTHCOM/NORAD Commander and his staff as evidenced by Admiral Keating's statement, 4 May 05: "Following a thorough review, we find that they [*the draft 2005 BRAC recommendations*] do not create an unacceptable risk to the accomplishment of our homeland defense or defense support of civil authorities."

Approved



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