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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, Infrastructure Analysis Team
To: Chair, Infrastructure Evaluation Group

Subj: MEETING WITH INDIAN HEAD DEFENSE ALLIANCE

Encl: (1) Indian Head Defense Alliance Roster

1. Two members of the Infrastructure Analysis Team (IAT) (Mrs. Davis and CAPT Rivenburg) met with members of the Indian Head Defense Alliance (formerly called Naval Energetics Technology Alliance), on 23 April at 1015 in the Pentagon, Room 4A668 (Enclosure (1)). Mr. Bowie conducted the majority of the briefing.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to convey the community's insight on the military value of Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head and its tenant commands. They believe that the facility is a national asset, has a good geographic location (to include for homeland defense), has an established environmental footprint, and has cross service collaboration and jointness. The town of Indian Head actively supports the base.
3. Mrs. Davis highlighted the importance of this round of BRAC. She indicated the goal is both to shed excess capacity and to transform the base structure to support the transformed force structure of the future. She noted the round was a process, based on law and statute, with an established timeline, and a requirement to look at all facilities equally. She also noted that this round of BRAC will look beyond a service perspective and across DoD.
4. The meeting concluded at 1115.
5. The Alliance representatives provided a written briefing and fact sheet on Indian Head. As the material provided is not data certified in accordance with the BRAC law, it will be retained for information only and not used in analysis.


ANNE RATHMELL DAVIS

Indian Head Defense Alliance

Roster of Attendees for Meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of The Navy Anne Davis
Wednesday, April 23, 2003, 10A.M., room 4A668 Pentagon

1. Murray Levy, President, Charles County Commissioners
2. Warren Bowie, Mayor, Town of Indian Head and Alliance member
3. Dennis Chappell, Retired Base Executive and Alliance member
4. John Bloom, Alliance Chairman

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January 21, 2003

The Honorable Anne R. Davis
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Dear Secretary Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the Naval Energetics Technology Alliance, a group of business and community leaders representing the Charles County, Maryland region that is dedicated to supporting and promoting the military value of the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head and its Tenant commands. We would like very much to meet with you, at your convenience, to discuss Indian Head's future and what we might do to support that future.

From our vantage point the best way to have such a meeting would be to have you visit the base in the morning and then meet with several members of our group, perhaps over lunch, for about an hour or so after your visit. As you no doubt know, Indian Head is about a 45 minute drive from the Pentagon and, following such a visit and meeting, you could be back at the Pentagon for your work schedule in the afternoon. However, if this proposal is not acceptable to you, we are prepared to meet with you at a time and location at your convenience.

I will be following this letter with a call to your office to see if a visit and/or meeting can be arranged.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to meeting with you as soon as your schedule will allow.

*3/5/03 Spoke with Ed Nicholson
Mtg on Friday will put out
word. No in post to creek
IH but happy to meet.*

*3/27/03 spoke with Mr. Army Bloom.
Mr. Army has been designated.
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Sincerely,

John H. Bloom
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Chairman

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Prepared by the Indian Head Defense Alliance

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head

Indian Head is the home of unique and critical national assets providing joint warfighter support with vital links to homeland defense. Its secure facility is located within minutes of Washington D.C. and has capacity to grow.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center/Indian Head Division (NSWC/IHD) is a unique National asset, which is a vital piece of the capability needed to fight future wars. This uniqueness exists because, over the past century, the Department of Defense (DoD) has located and developed segments of the facilities, equipment and personnel at this site, which represent essential parts of the Nation's capability related to energetics. Redundant elements of this capability exist at other sites, i.e. Composite propellant loading capability in private industry; explosives loading R & D at Eglin AFB; extruded propellant production capability at Radford AAP; Cartridge Actuated Devices/ Propellant Actuated Devices (CAD/PAD) manufacturing capability in private industry, etc. However, the Indian Head site has all of these capabilities located in one place. As the energetics industry has downsized, the Indian Head site has remained the stable repository of the essential technology needed to advance our nation's warfighting capability.

The manufacturing plant was originally located on the site when private industry decided to stop the manufacture of gun propellant that was critical to the warfighter. Through the years, other parts of the physical plant were located on the site when private industry "could not, would not or should not" choose to respond to the requirement. The physical plant that exists, today, is a state-of-the-art, environmentally compliant, pilot manufacturing capability that is used to fill critical needs of the warfighter. Recently, when the warfighter needed a specialized explosive for attacking the enemy in Afghanistan, Indian Head developed the thermobaric explosive/bomb, which was fielded in 67 days. This accomplishment could only happen at a site that housed the full spectrum capability for energetics.

Around the manufacturing plant, the DoD developed a staff, which encompassed all of the aspects of energetics programs, from Research and Development to demilitarization. Since the safety and functionality of the inventory are so important to the Navy, great attention was given to inventory management through surveillance and artificial aging programs. Such technologies as those represented by the Insensitive Munitions Programs were developed and housed at Indian Head. In the early 1970's, the Joint Logistics Commanders commissioned a study to determine the appropriate site to consolidate the Tri-Service CAD/PAD program. Indian Head was chosen because of the highly versatile facilities, equipment and depth of technical personnel to staff the Joint program. This program has become a model for the effective management of Joint programs. Still, the DoD has chosen to leave smaller pockets of energetics technology to be housed at other locations, i.e. the High Explosives Research and Development (HERD) facility at Eglin AFB, the pyrotechnics R & D programs at NSWC Crane, the warhead development capability at NSWC,

<p>Logical Site To Continue Consolidation Of The National Energetics Capability</p> <p>Vital Links To Homeland Security</p> <p>Extra Growth Capacity</p>	<p>Dahlgren, the air-launched weapon propellant and explosives capability at NWC, China Lake, the Army's capability for propellant and explosives R&D at Picatinny Arsenal. Consideration should be given to the further consolidation of this broad capability.</p> <p>Today, Indian Head is the logical site to continue the consolidation of energetics, if further consolidation provides best value to the DoD. Moving an existing capability may not make sense if the process of consolidation causes the military to lose a critical component of its' weapons technology. The alternatives to consolidation at the Indian Head site are not cost effective. The essential parts of the physical plant, which are presently located at Indian Head, would cost millions of dollars to re-locate. Recent realignment activities have shown that less than 5% of personnel will re-locate to another part of the country. Therefore, if consolidation is desirable, it should be done at the site that has the most complete, versatile, existing capability. That site is Indian Head.</p> <p>Currently, Indian Head is home to five major tenant commands and five smaller tenant commands. Each tenant is a separate organization that reports through its own chain of command. These tenants have essential DoD missions, which also have vital links to the emerging homeland defense program with the following vital capabilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology: Develops explosive ordnance disposal technology and lifecycle support to counter the ordnance threat posed to joint services and homeland defense. 2. U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response: Responds to terrorist incidents involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBR-N) weapons of mass destruction. 3. Joint Interoperability Testing and Certification: Supports the warfighter's ability to manage information on and off the battlefield. Maintains a vital communications link to ensure communications as a back up protection from a terrorist action. 4. Naval Ordnance Safety and Security: Establishes policy and procedures and provides global oversight of Navy explosives safety, ordnance physical security and ordnance environmental matters, insensitive munitions, and the NAVSEA ordnance quality evaluation program. <p>Because of its close proximity to Washington D.C. and the Pentagon, Indian Head offers a secure location on an isolated peninsula. Indian Head has extra room to house other DoD and Homeland defense programs. The activities at Indian Head enjoy enthusiastic support from the public, local, county, and state government.</p>
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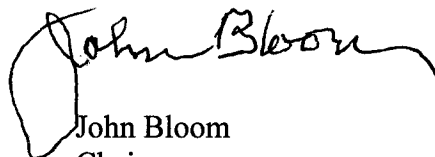
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Dear Secretary Davis:

Just a brief note to thank you for meeting with a representative group of our alliance at the Pentagon on Wednesday, April 23rd. The time you spent and your willingness to discuss issues associated with the upcoming Base Realignment and Closure Process was valuable in helping us better understand the problems you, the Navy and DoD face as you address this important task. At the same time I hope you were able to get greater insight and information about the military value of Indian Head to our defense effort.

Again, thank you for taking the time and interest in our presentation. If we can help you in any way please feel free to call. Also, please extend a special thanks to Commander Ginger Rice for arranging this meeting.

Sincerely,



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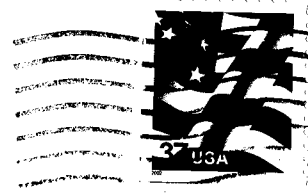
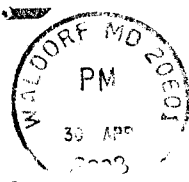
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