

timeframe to complete closures. Consequently, the installation should be realigned to the maximum extent possible in order to facilitate closure as soon as demilitarization is complete.

Moderate environmental problems are anticipated with the realignment of Pueblo Army Depot. Cleanup of hazardous wastes, asbestos, PCBs, underground storage tank problems, and contaminated sites will be required. Cleanup of these sites, is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the realignment. Major adverse environmental impacts are not expected at those facilities receiving activities resulting from this action since comparable activities are presently performed there.

The Commission recommends relocation of the following major missions:

-- The supply mission to Tooele Army Depot, Utah.

-- The ammunition mission to Red River Army Depot, Texas.

-- Approximately 75 civilians will remain at Pueblo to perform environmental monitoring of ammunition-storage igloos, munitions handling, munitions transport quality control activities, and security escort duties. Additionally, personnel will be needed to support the increased depot workload for such activities as storage site monitoring, laundry operations, and vehicle and road maintenance. CHEM DEMIL will be performed by contract augmentation.

Former Nike Site at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

The Commission recommends the former Nike site at the northwestern edge of Aberdeen Proving Ground for closure. This property, consisting of approximately 100 acres, represents excess capacity to the Army and is not required for any current or future Army mission. The payback for this closure is immediate since there are no associated relocation or construction costs.

The land is licensed to the State of Maryland for the use of the Army National Guard and is used for training and support of the Field Operating Activity (FOA) of the National Guard Bureau. The FOA is relocating to new facilities to be completed in 1991. After the National Guard relocates there will be no requirement for this property. Significant environmental impacts are expected as a result of this closure. Closure and disposal of the Former Nike Site Area requires consideration of contamination sites, PCB transformers, and asbestos. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

Fort Meade, Maryland Fort Holabird, Maryland Fort Devens, Massachusetts

The Commission recommends the partial closure and realignment of Fort Meade and

Fort Holabird, and the realignment of Fort Devens. The effect of these closures and realignments will be to consolidate a number of commands and activities whose operations are currently separated, thereby improving mission effectiveness, efficiency, and command and control. The net cost of these realignments will be paid back within one year. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$21 million.

Fort Meade: At Fort Meade, the range and training areas, including the airfield (approximately 9,000 acres generally south of Maryland Route 198, extended, and the existing power-line right of way), are recommended for closure and disposal. This action is taken in order to realign Fort Meade from an active Army post to an administrative center in the extended National Capital Region (NCR), an increasingly encroached urban area.

The activities of the Criminal Investigation Command (CIDIC) currently located at Fort Meade and at Fort Holabird will be realigned to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, utilizing space vacated by the Information Systems Engineering Command (ISEC) of the Information Systems Command (ISC), which will relocate to Fort Devens, Massachusetts (see below). Realigning the CIDIC to Fort Belvoir will avoid significant programmed construction at Fort Meade.

The primary tenant of this new administrative center at Fort Meade will be the National Security Agency (NSA). NSA leases a significant amount of space in the NCR. The other major tenant will be the Headquarters, First Army. The administrative center should be placed under the administrative and operational control of the Military District of Washington or other similar command.

The Commission encourages the Department of Defense to explore the opportunities for government or public-private development on the remaining portion of Fort Meade, along the lines being pursued at Fort Belvoir and the Belvoir Engineer Proving Ground.

Fort Holabird: The Commission recommends the closure of the portion of Fort Holabird occupied by the Criminal Records Center (CRC) of the Criminal Investigation Command (CIDIC). As detailed above, this relocation of CRC to Fort Belvoir will consolidate split functions, thereby improving mission effectiveness and efficiency.

The current facilities are inadequate for the criminal-records mission. The Defense Investigative Service, which is adequately housed in another portion of the Fort, and the Wherry Housing Project, which has a long term, non-termination lease, will both remain.

Fort Devens: The Commission recommends realignment of Fort Devens in order to consolidate the split Intelligence School training function and the Information Systems Command (ISC). Consolidation of the school and the command will improve the mission effectiveness and efficiency of both functions.

The Intelligence School, currently located at Fort Devens, will relocate to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, to consolidate with the Intelligence School training operations at Fort Huachuca. Fort Huachuca is the more suitable location for conduct of the school curriculum.

The Headquarters, ISC will relocate from Fort Huachuca to Fort Devens to consolidate the command in one location

which is well suited for a national command such as ISC. Other ISC activities from Fort Belvoir (see above) and from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and Fort McPherson, Georgia, will also relocate to Fort Devens.

The partial closures and realignments of Forts Meade, Holabird, and Devens will

result in minor environmental impacts. Fort Meade however, will require some environmental restoration, including cleanup of the impact area. The realignments will have minimal impact on local employment.