

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

The Commission found that excess capacity will exist at Fort Polk after completion of the recommended realignment. However, it also found that the Army will likely use this excess capacity to house forces that may return from overseas or to station other Army or DoD activities. Additionally, the Commission finds that Fort Polk does not have enough training facilities or maneuver acreage to support both a division and the JRTC at Fort Polk. The Commission estimates that the unemployment impact will be severe.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Commission finds that the DoD's recommendation did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and the selection criteria. The Commission, therefore, recommends the realignment of the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Polk to Fort Hood, the JRTC from Fort Chaffee to Fort Polk, and the 199th SMB from Fort Lewis to Fort Polk.

## ***Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania***

*Category: Industrial Depot*

*Mission: Depot Maintenance*

*Costs to Realign: \$36.4 million*

*Savings: 1992-97: \$27.0 million;*

*Annual: \$17.7 million*

*Payback: Immediate*

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Realign the Headquarters, Depot Systems Command, including the Systems Integration Management Activity (SIMA), from Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania, to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, and merge it with the Armaments, Munitions and Chemical Command to form the Industrial Operations Command. Realign the Materiel Readiness Support Activity from Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, and the Logistics

Control Activity from the Presidio of San Francisco, California, to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The latter proposal is a revision to the recommendations of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which relocated the Materiel Readiness Support Activity to Letterkenny Army Depot.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

The community argued that the Depot Systems Command need not be relocated in order to form the Industrial Operations Command. The new command could operate effectively in a split configuration. Additionally, the community believed that the SIMA was a separate entity that supported a variety of customers. Relocating that activity would result in an unwarranted up-front cost and an additional operational cost to support the entire customer base. The community was also concerned that the realignments would degrade the mission because experienced personnel would not move.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

The Commission found that the depots were treated equally. The formation of the Industrial Operations Command and resultant reduction of the number of subordinate commands were rational approaches to management efficiencies.

The Commission did consider alternative ways to form the Industrial Operations Command and to realign each of the activities designated for relocation. The Commission determined that the formation of the Industrial Operations Command in a single location was operationally more effective. The realignments of Depot Systems Command, the Materiel Readiness Support Activity, and the Logistics Control Agency were also determined to be economical. The relocation of SIMA was operationally expedient in the long term and beneficial to the economy at the receiving location (Rock Island Arsenal), which is losing a large number of employees because of other base realignment and closure actions.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission finds the DoD recommendations did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and final selection criteria. Therefore, the Commission recommends that DoD realign Depot Systems Command with the Systems Integration Management Activity to Rock Island and form the Industrial Operations Command. Additionally, it recommends that the Materiel Readiness Support Activity and the Logistics Control Agency be realigned at Redstone Arsenal as proposed. This proposal is a revision to the recommendations of the 1988 Base Closure Commission, which directed the Materiel Readiness Support Activity to relocate from Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot to Letterkenny.

### *Realign Army Laboratories (Lab 21 Study), Adelphi and Aberdeen, Maryland*

*Category: Industrial-Commodity Oriented  
Installations*

*Mission: Research, Development and Testing*

*Cost to Realign: \$281.8 million*

*Savings: 1992-97: -\$106.0 million;*

*Annual: \$44.7 million*

*Payback: 4 years*

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION

Establish the Combat Materiel Research Laboratory (CMRL) at Adelphi, Maryland. The Army Materiel Technology Laboratory (AMTL), now in Watertown, Massachusetts, should not be split among Detroit Arsenal, Michigan; Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Instead, realign the AMTL to Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. Collocate the Structures Element at NASA-Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia. This proposal is a revision to the

recommendations of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The community argued the Base Closure and Realignment Commission should wait for the recommendations on laboratory realignments from the Advisory Commission on Consolidation and Conversion of Defense Research and Development Laboratories. The latter Commission is an advisory group established by law to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on how to effectively reorganize the research and development structure. The community also argued portions of the realignment were not cost-effective and would adversely impact readiness.

## COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission found the industrial-commodity oriented installations were treated equally. The Commission found that the DoD studies and Defense Management Report Decision regarding laboratory realignments were credible and rational. The Army reviewed ten scenarios for the realignment of the laboratories and this proposal was cost-effective. The realignment of the Army Materiel Technology Laboratory functions to a single site was determined to have operational and cost advantages over the triple-site option recommended by the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission finds DoD's recommendations did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and the criteria. The Commission recommends the closure of Harry Diamond Laboratory in Woodbridge, Virginia, and realignment of the laboratories to establish the Combat Materiel Technology