

contaminated sites. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure. Transfer of units from Hamilton Army Airfield is expected to relieve civilian noise pollution concerns.

'The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

'The Commission recommends the following relocations of major activities:

-- Approximately 695 acres not required by the Army Reserve are recommended for closure and disposal. Facilities are to be constructed on the remaining acres to consolidate the Headquarters, 3/12 Special Forces Group and the 3/12 Service Company; the Headquarters, 2/91 Division Training; the 6253rd USA Hospital; and all Reserve units. This move will enhance Reserve training capabilities, since it will consolidate units and provide adequate facilities.

-- The 91st Division Aviation Detachment and the 343rd Medical Detachment, both reserve units, to leased space at a local airfield. No personnel are expected to be affected, since these moves will be local.

-- The Sixth Army Aviation Detachment, a reserve unit in support of the Sixth Army Headquarters, to be realigned as part of the Sixth Army relocation to Fort Carson, Colorado.

Jefferson Proving Ground, Indiana

The Commission recommends Jefferson Proving Ground for closure. Its mission of evaluating ammunition produced for the Army can be located at another

installation. This move will increase utilization and reduce base-operating costs. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within six years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$6.6 million.

Jefferson Proving Ground has the mission of conducting, analyzing, and reporting on tests of ammunition and ammunition components.

The closure of Jefferson Proving Ground will result in significant environmental impacts. The closure will require consideration of 26 buildings with a range of herbicides, metals, explosives, PCBs and possible asbestos contamination. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure. A serious ordnance problem also exists. Adverse environmental impacts are not anticipated for the receiving installation as comparable operations are presently performed there.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends relocating Jefferson Proving Ground activities to Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Nike Philadelphia 41/43, New Jersey

The Commission recommends closure of Nike Philadelphia 41/43 which is located in New Jersey near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This property consists of housing capacity excess to Army needs. The payback for this closure is immediate as there are no associated relocation or construction costs.

Nike Philadelphia is a stand-alone