COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The community argued that the Army miscategorized Rock Island Arsenal as a production installation. The community also noted that Rock Island Arsenal had excess administrative space and consolidation could occur at Rock Island instead of Redstone Arsenal. The community also noted that the workforce at Rock Island had a higher skill-level base and private-sector pay rates were lower.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission found that the industrial-commodity oriented installations were treated equally. The Commission found the consolidation of inventory control points would yield cost efficiencies that support the DoD realignment proposal.

The Commission found categorization of Rock Island Arsenal was debatable but did not affect the proposed realignment. Rock Island Arsenal does have excess capacity, but it is inefficient to consolidate the inventory control point at Rock Island. Redstone Arsenal has a slightly higher skill-level base and lower government pay rate.

The Commission did consider alternatives such as splitting the inventory control point or separating the inventory control point from its parent command. However, it determined the DoD realignment to be more operationally sound and cost-effective.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission finds DoD's recommendation did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and the final selection criteria. The Commission recommends that the Army realign the Armaments, Munitions, and Chemical Command as proposed and form a single inventory control point at Redstone Arsenal.

Sacramento Army Depot, California

Category: Industrial Depot
Mission: Logistics Support
Cost to Close: $84.9 million
Savings: 1992-97: $33.4 million;
Annual: $55.8 million
Payback: Immediate

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Close Sacramento Army Depot. Transfer the ground communications electronic maintenance workload from Sacramento Army Depot, California, to Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania; Anniston Army Depot, Alabama; Red River Army Depot, Texas; Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania; and Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas. Retain 50 acres for Reserve Component use,

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The community agreed with the closure of Sacramento Army Depot but disagreed with the transfer of all workload outside the Sacramento area. The community argued about the personnel disruption following closure and said that the DoD proposal did not contain a sufficient degree of DoD-wide interservice consolidation. It proposed an alternative plan that consolidated all ground communications electronics in two centers: Tobyhanna Army Depot on the East Coast and Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, on the West Coast.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission found that all industrial depots were treated equally. There was excess maintenance capacity for ground communications electronics, and Sacramento

Army Depot ranked the lowest of the installations with communications electronics maintenance capability.

DoD did consider the alternative proposal of consolidation of the ground communications electronics at Tobyhanna Army Depot and McClellan Air Force Base. The Commission found that the DoD decision not to use McClellan Air Force Base was due to the high man-hour rates that resulted in higher costs for depot-level maintenance work.

The Commission found that both the DoD proposal and the community counterproposal were rational approaches to the distribution of the ground communications electronics maintenance workload after closure of the Sacramento Army Depot. The Commission also developed modifications of the community plan. The DoD approach provided the larger savings, and the Commission's modification of the community proposal required fewer people to relocate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission finds that DoD deviated substantially from criterion 5. Therefore the Commission recommends the closure of Sacramento Army Depot and the realignment of its workload by competition to ensure the most cost-effective distribution of work. The Secretary of Defense will develop statements of work and a plan to conduct a public-public competition. This competition will determine how best to distribute the workload currently performed at Sacramento Army Depot, among those depots in the DoD plan (Tobyhanna Army Depot, Anniston Army Depot, Corpus Christi Army Depot, Red River Army Depot, Letterkenny Army Depot) and the Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Force Base. The implementation plan will include the logical groups of items to be competed, a time-phased schedule, and source selection criteria. The competition will begin as soon as possible. The Communications Systems Test Activity from Sacramento Army Depot will be realigned to Fort Lewis, Washington. As much as 50 acres of Sacramento Army Depot may be retained for Reserve Component use. The residual supply mission at Sacramento Army Depot will be transferred to the Defense Depot West at Sharpe Depot or Tracy Depot.

Tri-Service Project Reliance Study, Various Locations

Category: Commodity-Oriented Installation
Mission: Research, Development and Testing
Costs to Realign: $24.3 million
Savings: 1992-97: $71.0 million;
Annual: $6.9 million
Payback: Less than 1 year

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Execute the Tri-Service Project Reliance medical research study by reducing the number of Army medical research labs from nine to six.

Disestablish the Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR) Presidio of San Francisco, California (change to the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendation); disestablish the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research, Washington, D.C.; and disestablish the U.S. Army Biomedical Research Development Laboratory, Fort Detrick, Maryland. Consolidate the Army's trauma-research and medical-materiel-development with existing Army medical research, development, test and evaluation facilities. The proposal also recommends the collocation of seven Tri-Service medical research programs at existing Army, Navy, and Air Force medical laboratories as follows: the Army blood research with the Navy; the Army combat dentistry with the Navy; Army directed energy (laser and microwave) bioeffects with the Air Force; elements of the Army and Navy biodynamics with the Air Force; Navy and Army toxicology (environmental quality and occupational health) with the Air Force; and Navy infectious disease research and Air Force