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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Board of Visitors Meeting

The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Board of Visitors will hold a meeting on June 4, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. on the First Floor Conference Room, 363 Training Squadron, Bldg. 1025, Missile Road, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss academic policies and issues relative to the operation of the CCAF. Agenda items include a review of the operations of the CCAF and an update on the activities of the CCAF Policy Council.

Members of the public who wish to make oral or written statements at the meeting should contact 1st Lt Cornel Taite, Designated Federal Officer for the Board, at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 25, 1998. Please mail or electronically mail all requests. Telephone requests will not be honored. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of the presentation materials must be given to 1st Lt Cornel Taite no later than three days prior to the time of the board meeting for distribution. Visual aids must be submitted to 1st Lt Cornel Taite on a 3 1/2" computer disc in Microsoft PowerPoint format no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 25, 1998 to allow sufficient time for virus scanning and formatting of the slides.

For further information, contact Lieutenant Cornel Taite, (334) 953-7322, Community College of the Air Force, 130 West Maxwell Boulevard, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 36112-6613, or through electronic mail at cotaite@max1.au.af.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact for the Realignment of Missions and Personnel at Fort Meade, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended relocating the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) from Fort Holabird, Maryland, to a new facility to be built on Fort Meade, Maryland, and closing the leased space at Crown Ridge in Fairfax County, Virginia, and relocating the Information Systems Software Center (ISSC) to Fort Meade. ISSC has two component elements, the Software Development Center-Washington (SDC-W) and the Executive Software Systems Directorate (ESSD). The Commission also recommended realigning Fort Meade by eliminating inpatient services at Kimbrough Army Community Hospital (KACH) and reducing the facility to a clinic and outpatient surgical center.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) examined the proposed transfer of personnel and missions to 445 civilian and 67 military positions and Form 71 civilian and 57 military positions at Fort Meade, Maryland. Plans for relocation include construction of a new facility for the DIS in the Central Administrative Area and renovation of a portion of Pershing Hall to house the ISSC elements of SDC-W and ESSD. This allows for construction of DIS in a developed area and collocates the two ISSC functions in the same building, enhancing mission effectiveness.

No significant adverse impacts are anticipated from any of the alternatives analyzed in the EA. All of the alternatives, including the Army's preferred alternative, could result in some minor adverse impacts that can be avoided or minimized. Minor adverse impacts may occur in the areas of noise, stormwater, soil, traffic and transportation, and asbestos and lead-based paint management. Noise will be minimized by limiting construction hours. Stormwater and soil erosion control plans will minimize impacts to water resources. Asbestos and lead-based paint, if encountered during renovation, will be removed, encapsulated, or disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws. Additionally, the Fort Meade

Transportation Master Plan will reduce impacts on traffic. Unsuitable soil, wetlands and cultural resources are present only on the DIS Alternative B site and would be avoided if that site were selected. Section 106 consultation with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office has been completed for the preferred alternative sites.

Therefore, based on the analysis found in EA, which was incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), it has been determined that implementation of the proposed action will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or the human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts will result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

DATES: Public comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 1998. The Army will not initiate the proposed action for 30 days following completion of the EA and publication of this Notice of Availability.

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing to review the EA may obtain a copy and may provide comments during this 30-day period by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Maria de la Torre (CENAB-PL-E), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715 or by sending a telefax to (410) 962-4698. Individuals wishing to review the EA may examine a copy at the following locations: Fort George G. Meade Library, Building 4418, Fort Meade, Maryland; and the Provinces Library, 2624 Annapolis Road, Severn, Maryland.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Release of the Notice of Availability on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) on the Disposal and Reuse of Fort Ritchie, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluated by this Final EIS is the disposal of Fort Ritchie, Maryland, in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510.