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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON  
September 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William E. Timmons *BT*  
SUBJECT: Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md)

In tab A are subject's letters to you of August 21 and 22 and a copy of my reply.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground matter is a lengthy, complicated one. For your information, I am also enclosing in tab B a copy of a report on this situation prepared for me by the National Security Council.

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*Interview*



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
FIRST DISTRICT  
MARYLAND

August 21, 1974

Dear Mr. President,

BT

For more than a year I have been in contact with the Defense Department and the White House, including the former President, regarding the status of the Army Ordnance Center and School located at Aberdeen Proving Ground in my Congressional District.

I am sure that your Congressional Liaison staff can brief you fully on this matter. I would simply like to request, first, that you restate the White House policy that no transfer of the Ordnance School shall occur at this time, and further that I be permitted to make a case for the retention of the Ordnance School prior to any decision on this matter by you.

Beyond this immediate request I would like to ask that you permit me a meeting with you to discuss the entire matter as soon as it is convenient for you.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
Member of Congress

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515



The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Re  
House Committee  
on Amnesty  
VP memo, letter

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
FIRST DISTRICT  
MARYLAND

August 22, 1974

BT

Dear Mr. President,

I regret that we did not have more time this morning during our picture taking session so that I could express to you certain thoughts regarding your recent actions.

I know that the Steering Committee has requested a meeting with you in the near future, and I hope this will be arranged. In the meantime I want you to know that I am gravely concerned with the positions that you have taken on the issues of amnesty, Rhodesian chrome and the failure to veto H.R. 69 so that an iron clad anti-busing provision could have been included.

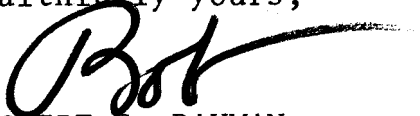
It goes without saying that the nomination of Mr. Rockefeller is very hard for me to swallow, and I have had any number of complaints from Party leaders in my District not only about this nomination but about other issues as well.

I want very much to work with you if that is possible, but I honestly fail to understand the change in attitude which has occurred on your part since you became President.

I write this letter in the spirit of  
friendship that dates back more than twenty years  
and in the hope that you will consider how many  
of your friends view these events.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
Member of Congress

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.





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July 12, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Congressman Bauman - Aberdeen  
Proving Ground

Following your reply to Congressman Bauman's June 6 request for a meeting with the President to discuss the future of the Aberdeen Proving Ground (Tab C), you requested the NSC to prepare a paper covering the substantive aspects of the problem. We have asked Defense for the relevant information which may be summarized as follows.

Under the pressure of fiscal constraints, the Army during the past year, has been conducting a review of its facilities usage in the interest of consolidating activities where possible, thereby reducing operating costs. As a result of this review, it was their tentative recommendation in December 1973 that the Ordnance Center and School be relocated from Aberdeen to the Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Concurrently, they examined the feasibility of locating other activities at Aberdeen as backfill for the loss of the Ordnance School. Thus, it is the Army's objective as expressed in a letter to Bauman at Tab B, "to ultimately provide the same general level of effort at Aberdeen." No decision has been taken on these proposals to move activities from or to Aberdeen at this time.

After review of the Army's position, we find no basis for intervention in the matter on national security grounds. The consolidation program appears well conceived. In addition, it should be noted that should the Ordnance School and Center be moved with no replacement activity at Aberdeen, the economic impact on the surrounding economy would be minimal. (Estimated total community earnings loss of one percent and reduction in the area work force of less than one percent. See backup material at Tab B.)

Congressman Bauman's concern is probably premature. Given the personal interest and attention in the matter throughout DOD as

reflected in Secretary Clements' meeting with the Maryland Delegation, it appears that the matter is being moved towards an appropriate solution. Accordingly, a meeting with the President does not really appear necessary. Should you wish to reply further to the Congressman, a draft letter is at Tab A for your consideration.

Attachment

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Dear Mr. Bauman:

This responds to your letter to the President regarding the proposed transfer of the US Army Ordnance Center and School from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

I have been advised that subsequent to your letter the Deputy Secretary of Defense met with you and other members of the Maryland delegation to discuss the Department of Defense plans for the Aberdeen Proving Ground. I am aware of the public release that the Department of Defense made at that time and also of the release made by members of the Maryland delegation. I believe the information that has already been made public is an excellent summary of the current status of Aberdeen and of considerations affecting its future status.

I have also reviewed the letter to you from General Kingston, Acting Chief, Army Legislative Liaison, dated 28 June 1974. There is nothing that I can add to the information that you now have at hand. I was pleased to note that General Kingston assured you that the Department of Defense would be in touch with the members of the Maryland delegation prior to announcement of any changes affecting Aberdeen.

Sincerely,

**B**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

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OFFICE, CHIEF OF  
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

25 June 1974

Honorable Robert E. Bauman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bauman:

The Secretary of the Army has asked me to reply to your inquiry addressed to the Secretary of Defense concerning the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.

As you are aware, the Army is conducting an analysis of its long range stationing requirements. The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School is among activities still under review. Consideration is being given to relocating Aberdeen's training functions in order to consolidate currently separated Ordnance training. However, there has been no decision to change the present configuration and location of the Ordnance Center and School.

On 14 June 1974, following his meeting with you and other members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, Deputy Secretary of Defense Clements formally announced that Department of Defense considers Aberdeen Proving Ground an important facility and expects it to continue making a major contribution as an active part of the nation's defense effort. While the Army is considering consolidation of Ordnance training, alternatives are being developed which consider relocation of other activities to Aberdeen. The intent of these plans is to ultimately provide the same general level of effort at Aberdeen. Mr. Clements reaffirmed that plans or decisions regarding possible changes in missions for Aberdeen Proving Ground are not firm.

Documentation concerning the Ordnance School and the alternatives considering the relocation of other activities at Aberdeen is not complete and therefore not now available.

COPIES TO: I certainly appreciate your interest and concern in this matter. Prior to any public announcement regarding Aberdeen,

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members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation will be notified and the documentation will be available for review at that time.

I hope the information provided will be of benefit to you.

Sincerely,

J. P. KINGSTON  
Brigadier General, GS  
Acting Chief of Legislative  
Liaison



## ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

Deputy Secretary of Defense William Clements today formally announced the following information which has been provided to members of the Maryland Congressional delegation in response to their continuing interest in the future of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Department of Defense considers Aberdeen Proving Ground an important facility and expects it to continue making a major contribution as an active part of the nation's defense effort. The Army is considering relocation of Aberdeen's Ordnance Center and School in order to consolidate currently separated Ordnance training. This could result in short run changes in the level of effort at Aberdeen. However, the Army also is developing alternatives in its long range stationing and installation plan which include consideration of locating other activities at Aberdeen. The intent of these plans is to ultimately provide the same general level of effort at Aberdeen. Plans and decisions regarding possible changes in missions for Aberdeen Proving Ground are not firm at this time.

The Defense Department appreciates the support it receives from the Aberdeen work force and the surrounding community. It looks forward to the continuation of that cooperative relationship.

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FACT SHEET

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

Aberdeen Proving Ground has a total permanent population in excess of 12,000 people comprised of approximately 4,000 military and 8,000 civilians. In addition, there are on the average about 2,300 military students attending the Ordnance School at Aberdeen.

In December the Army recommended relocating the Ordnance Center and School from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, thereby consolidating the Ordnance Center and School with the Missile and Munitions Center and School now located at Redstone Arsenal. The action would eliminate one functional school resulting in an annual cost reduction of \$10.6 million. There are no civilian involuntary separations expected as a result of the proposed consolidation. 1743 military and 782 civilian permanent jobs would be dislocated (transferred and eliminated) from Aberdeen, of which 636 military and 368 civilian jobs would be eliminated. Of the 414 civilian jobs transferred from Aberdeen, approximately 143 civilian employees are expected to transfer with functions. The remaining employees are expected to find Federal employment or would separate through normal attrition or retirement. The military spaces eliminated would be reallocated to combat forces and funds associated with other savings would be applied to accounts in support of combat forces. The current plan is to commence consolidation of the schools early next spring with completion in about twelve months. The Army's long range stationing study (CONCISE) did not identify backfill for Aberdeen. The principal recommendation of the Army Materiel Acquisition Review Committee (AMARC) report was to evolve toward development

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centers within the Army Materiel Command (AMC). One such center would be an Armaments Development Center. A conceptual plan including the center's location will be submitted to Department of the Army in December 1974, followed by a Case Study and Justification Folder (CSJF).

The Ballistic Research Laboratory (BRL) located at APG is one of several possible sites for the location of the Armaments Development Center. However, even if APG were selected as the home of this center, initial estimates indicate a time gap of twelve to eighteen months between the time the Ordnance School begins to move and the center starts to form.

The Secretary of the Army released the AMARC report to the Chairman of the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, and briefings were conducted on 29 May for the Chief Counsels of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. The Appropriations Committee briefings were held on 30 May and 3 June for the SAC and HAC, respectively. The Counsels were reminded of the FOUO protective markings on the report. The possible location of the Armaments Development Center at APG was not discussed at these meetings.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Clements met with members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation on 13 June 1974 and outlined the status of the proposal to consolidate Ordnance training functions. On 14 June 1974, a press release was provided correspondents regarding Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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Summary Data  
Press Release

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND  
SUMMARY DATA

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| ITEM  | CONSOLIDATION AT REDSTONE ARSENAL                              |       |
|---|--|-------|
|   | MIL  | CIV   |
| + JOBS TRANSFERRED AND ELIMINATED FROM ABERDEEN | 1743   | 782   |
| TRANSFER TO FT EUSTIS/REDSTONE ARSENAL          | (1107)   | (414) |
| ELIMINATED                                      | (636)  | (368) |
| INVOLUNTARY PERSONNEL SEPARATIONS               | NONE ESTIMATED   | 1/    |
| + STUDENT LOAD TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM ABERDEEN  |  |       |
| CURRENT   |  | 2654  |
| PROJECTED FY 75                                 |  | 2235  |
| + PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED REDUCTION AT ABERDEEN    | MIL  | CIV   |
| JANUARY 1973                                    | 191  | 209   |
| FEBRUARY 1974                                   | 247  | 145   |
| + COMMUNITY IMPACT                              |  |       |
| - EMPLOYMENT AREA CONSIDERED                    | HARFORD, CECIL, CARROLL, BALTIMORE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY |       |
| - PAYROLL EARNINGS LOSS                         | \$41.7 M   |       |
| - ESTIMATED TOTAL COMMUNITY EARNINGS LOST       | 1.0%   |       |
| - REDUCTION IN AREA WORK FORCE                  | .5%  |       |

COMPARATIVE COST ANALYSIS

|                           | CONSOLIDATION AT REDSTONE | CONSOLIDATION AT ABERDEEN | STATUS QUO         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| + ANNUAL COST REDUCTION   | 10.67M                    | 9.95M                     | -0-                |
| + ONE-TIME COSTS          |                           |                           |                    |
| ONE-TIME MPA/OMA/PEMA     | 2.9M                      | 9.5M                      | -0-                |
| + FYDP CONSTRUCTION       |                           |                           |                    |
| PRESENT PROGRAM           | 15.3M                     | 31.1M                     | 49.7M              |
| ADDED MCA                 | 16.3M                     | 20.2M                     | -0-                |
| ADDED FH                  | 1.6M                      | 9.0M                      | -0-                |
| TORNADO DAMAGE            | 6.8M <sup>2/</sup>        | 3.6M                      | 6.8M <sup>2/</sup> |
| + LONG RANGE CONSTRUCTION |                           |                           |                    |
| PRESENT PROGRAM           | -0-                       | 10.9M                     | 10.9M              |
| ADDED MCA                 | 16.2M                     | -0-                       | -0-                |
| ADDED FH                  | -0-                       | -0-                       | -0-                |
| + TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS    | 59.1M                     | 84.3M                     | 67.4M              |

1/ Aberdeen currently is hiring to fill existing vacancies.

2/ Includes \$5.460 M in MCA which is being reprogramed to repair tornado damage.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
FIRST DISTRICT  
MARYLAND

June 6, 1974

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On May 23, 1974 I sent you a letter, a copy of which is enclosed to which I have yet to receive any response.

In view of the fact that I have not received any response, I would like to ask for an appointment with you personally to discuss this matter. I cannot emphasize too strongly the grave problem presented to the people of my District by the proposed transfer of the Army Ordnance School from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Again, I emphasize to you my strong desire to discuss this matter since previous inquiries to your staff over a seven month period have not produced any resolution of this problem.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT E. BAUMAN  
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS  
FROM: JERRY H. JONES  
SUBJECT: Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md)

Your memorandum to the President of September 4, on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- If Bauman wants 15 minutes, I will meet with him; but I want facts that justify decision.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Al Haig  
Warren Rustand

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1974

Dear Bob:

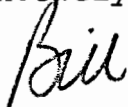
I would like to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your August 21 and August 22 letters to the President. I will make certain that he receives them as soon as possible.

I can understand your concern that some of the positions taken by the President are in conflict with your views. However, I feel certain that your comments will be fully considered. Also, I am hopeful that you will examine the President's position in context with his statement that he intends to be President of all the people which will mean decisions reflecting a consensus of many diverse views and opinions.

In addition, we will continue to follow up on your desire to resolve the matter of the Army Ordnance Center and School.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



William E. Timmons  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert E. Bauman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515