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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*  
SUBJECT: The Fort Monmouth realignment

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"I spoke to Secretary of Defense."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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WASHINGTON

Jack Marsh

I spoke to Sec Def.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

The Fort Monmouth realignment was Item #8 on the list that we reviewed with the President about two weeks ago. At that time, it was determined that this would be a new start and, therefore, the President decided it should not be done. Instead it was determined that this realignment should wait for the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel.

As I understand the facts from OMB staff, if this realignment were to proceed, some 350 people would be shifted from Fort Monmouth to Vint Hill Farms, Virginia, a base that has been determined to be closed.

I recommend we stay with our previous position that no further action be taken on Fort Monmouth at this time.