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Dear John:

Ed Harte has sent us a copy of your letter to him telling of your request that the Army not select a location for its soon-to-be-activated Aviation Development Center (AVDC) until the Navy announces its final decision on the proposed realignment of Naval Air Training. We appreciate the tremendous amount of time and thought you have given and are giving to this matter.

No doubt you have seen the enclosed article from the August 5, 1976, issue of The Beam, NAS, Corpus Christi's weekly newspaper. We hear little or nothing about the proposed relocation of helicopter repair activities from New Cumberland to Corpus Christi. Is an environmental impact study under way on this proposal? Is there any way to know approximately when this move might be made?

As you know, U. S. Senator John Tower spoke at a Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon here July 16, and he met with our ad hoc committee on military facilities the same afternoon. He says he still hopes to persuade the Navy to continue its training mission at NAS, Corpus Christi and also to leave the Naval Air Training Command here.

We did not ask Senator Tower about the Army's proposed realignment of its helicopter repair program. We assume you will discuss it with him whenever it is appropriate.

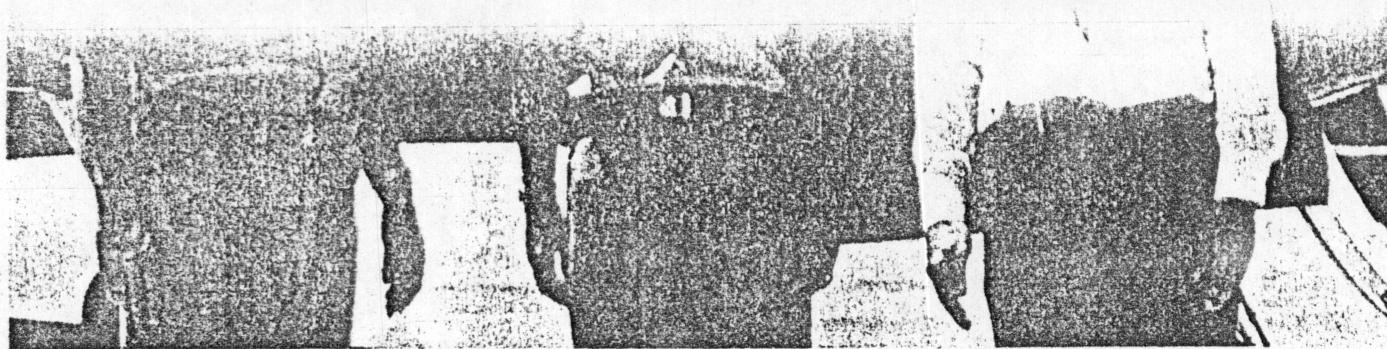
You know we are available to do anything that might be helpful in insuring maximum utilization of local military facilities. Call on us when we can help.

Sincerely,

Sam Amspoker

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Edward H. Harte



RADM Robert Kirksey (center) visited NAS Corpus Christi along with other area Naval air training commands last week. He recently became head of the Aviation Manpower and Training Division of CNATRA units in the local area.

He is standing by a Beechcraft Superking, which is similar to the T-44 to be used for training by base squadrons. Standing by him is **CAPT Robert Colvin**, Commander of Training Air Wing IV, and Beechcraft representative **John Jenista**.

self-sufficiency (for golf courses)," he said. "It's just that they tell us how to get it."

"At stake is keeping the golf course or not," he said.

Other recreational activities such as boating, swimming, bowling and movies are covered by the regulations but Stence contended none of them will be significantly affected by the rulings.

In stating its goals, the regulations note that a 20 to 25 percent savings over services offered in the private sector should be maintained.

Stence said the NAS programs are saving the military here far more than that with fees 50 to 100 per cent cheaper than found outside the gates.

Dallas firm to make environmental study

The Dallas firm of Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff has been selected to draft an environmental impact study of possible air station realignments.

In March the Department of Defense announced that NAS Corpus Christi was among bases to be considered for realignments or closure. The environmental study has been required by Congress before base reductions are made.

The Dallas firm was one of 50 which applied to make the study. The

selection was made by the Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, located in Charleston, South Carolina.

The study will consider the effects on the natural and economic environment of several options, which include: making the base a Naval Air Facility, maintaining the base on a caretaker status or withdrawing the Navy entirely from the base.

Should the base become a Naval Air Facility, the departments supporting the training squadrons would be "in

whole or part, transferred, disestablished or reduced," according to a statement released by CNATRA.

Under a caretaker status, the Navy would retain ownership but would solely provide host services for the Army depot and Coast Guard.

In analyzing the socio-economic impact of base realignments, the firm will report on expected changes in area business volume, effects on local payroll and employment and fluctuations in tax-related revenues.

The views of affected employees and

local governmental bodies will be sought.

Also, adult educational opportunities and recreational advantages of the area will be evaluated.

Following a review of the impact statement by the Navy and Council on Environmental Quality, the document will be made available to the public for comment.

A time frame for completing the study or setting a subsequent public hearing cannot yet be determined, the CNATRA statement said.

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