

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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Dear Mr. de la Garza,

This is in reply to your letter to Secretary Rumsfeld regarding the proposed closing of Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Because of budgetary constraints, the Navy announced in March 1976 that it would study a number of proposed candidate realignment actions directed at reducing support costs in order to achieve economies and efficiencies in operation. As part of this effort, a number of possible realignment alternatives for Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi were proposed for study. In conjunction with the study of the various alternatives, the Navy announced that it would examine the environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives.

As of this time, the Navy is still reviewing the various alternatives. Be assured that no final decision will be made concerning Corpus Christi until a thorough review of any proposed realignment has been made both, within the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

I hope the above information will be helpful to you in replying to Dr. Garcia's letter. "

Sincerely,

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