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**From:** Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC [Jennifer.Meyer@wso.whs.mil]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2005 9:23 AM  
**To:** Taylor, Bob (Thune)  
**Subject:** RE: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Bob,

The Department has been working with NSA over the past the past three weeks to complete the declassification process. We can only hope the Department's forecast for completion is accurate.

We hope and anticipate that the information deemed as unclassified over the next few days will be more than enough for our analysts as well as the communities to perform ample comparative analysis. We encourage your staff to use the information as it is now set up to make that possible.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do.

Jennifer

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**From:** Taylor, Bob (Thune) [mailto:Bob\_Taylor@thune.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2005 7:59 AM  
**To:** Jennifer.Meyer@wso.whs.mil  
**Subject:** Re: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Thank you Jennifer. We are just nervous because our field hearing is in only three weeks and we need to prepare.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**From:** Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC <Jennifer.Meyer@wso.whs.mil>  
**To:** Taylor, Bob (Thune) <Bob\_Taylor@thune.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 01 07:51:25 2005  
**Subject:** RE: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Bob,

I understand your concerns and will sit with Bob Cook this morning to discuss them. I assure you that the BRAC commission is pushing to have as much information declassified as possible.

Let me see what I can find out and get back to you.

Jennifer

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**From:** Taylor, Bob (Thune) [mailto:Bob\_Taylor@thune.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2005 7:06 PM  
**To:** Jennifer.Meyer@wso.whs.mil  
**Subject:** Re: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

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Ok. But I still have two concerns. First, we still cannot use any material deemed classified while undergoing this declassification process....leaving our communities in an unfair position of potentially not having data they could use to defend their base. I find it difficult to believe they can declassify all this in a couple of days. Second, as Mr Cook stated, the data (minus any classified) will be released to the public. The classified data then will remain classified but as I understand it will be installation data - not typical intelligence data - but installation data by base or aggregate bases that may reveal base weakness, etc from a security standpoint, but, importantly, may also be useful in preparing BRAC arguments. From talking to our community hired consultants who were staff on BRAC 95, we have yet to receive the vital raw data we need to assess how DoD got to the key conclusions on our base. So, we assume it is somewhere within this "other" data to be released, maybe. Thus, our concern. Unless, we see it we cannot prepare our case. But thanks to you for your help. I will keep in touch.

Bob.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC <Jennifer.Meyer@wso.whs.mil>  
To: Taylor, Bob (Thune) <Bob\_Taylor@thune.senate.gov>  
Sent: Tue May 31 18:06:52 2005  
Subject: FW: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Bob,

Please see below. This is the answer I received from the head of the analysis team.

Hope this is helpful,  
Jennifer

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From: Cook, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC  
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 6:04 PM  
To: Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC  
Cc: Cirillo, Frank, CIV, WSO-BRAC  
Subject: RE: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Jen

You are correct. The data upstairs is currently going through a scrub to unclassify it. When that is done, the data (minus any classified) will be released to the public. It will be put on the DoD web site (according to them) and, when we receive it, we will put it on our web site as well. It will also be placed in our e-library and the public will have access to it there. Soooooooooooooo, the public can view the unclassified data either on the web site, here in our office, or at the Anser building.

Bob

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From: Meyer, Jennifer, CIV, WSO-BRAC  
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 5:30 PM  
To: Cook, Robert, CIV, WSO-BRAC  
Subject: FW: DoD Release of Additional BRAC Information

Bob,

When I called Thune's office back to talk about the reading room, he said that DOD put out a press release that stated that the info. in that reading room will stay classified and that the "unclassified" info will be released on Friday.

He sent me the following attachments detailing this. I am confused, I was under the impression that all the info, unless intel..

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specific would be unclassified at some point. Not so?

Sorry to add to your mess,

Jen

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From: Taylor, Bob (Thune) [[mailto:Bob\\_Taylor@thune.senate.gov](mailto:Bob_Taylor@thune.senate.gov)]  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 5:22 PM  
 To: [jennifer.meyer@wso.whs.mil](mailto:jennifer.meyer@wso.whs.mil)  
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From: Chafin, Claude, CIV, OSD-LA [<mailto:Claude.Chafin@osd.mil>]  
 Sent: Friday, May 27, 2005 4:51 PM  
 To: Aden-Wansbury, Casey (Lieberman); Akiyama, Amy; Alexandra Toma; Astin, Amy; Baird, Caroline; Ballou, Brandi; Belair, Brendan; Botts, Aleta; Bradbury, Anne; Brendan Curry; Brock, C.; Buboltz, Casey; Butler, Amy; Caldwell, Andrea; Callen, Ashley; Carroll, Caitlin; Daniels, Brian; DeAngelis, Bryan; Demott, Andy; Ewing, Barbara; Fana, Carissa; Firschein, Ben; Francis, Adam; Galloway, Archie (Sessions); Genatempo, Awgie; Ghent, Bill (Carper); Glass, Alex (Murray); Grogan, Barbara; Hansen, Beth (Voinovich); Hastings, Casey; Hicks, Andrew; House, Andrew; Hunter, Aaron; Kendro, Bryan; Kimbrell, Aubert; LeMay, Anne; Lowell, Bridget; Mahar-Piersma, Auke; McBride, Brandi; Mercer, Aaron (Brownback); Merfish, Brett; Milligan, Blair; Paulson, Adam; Quintenz, Brian; Richard, Alex; Rickher, Alexis; Ross, Brian; Saenz, Adrian; Scally, Alethea; Shah, Aarti; Shapiro, Andrew (Clinton); Silbey, Alexander; Snyder, Alan; Southworth, Alissa; Sowa, Brian; Sutey, Bill (Bill Nelson); Sutter, Brian; Taliaferro, Aaron; Taylor, Bob (Thune); Thompson, Alison (Dole); Tomlinson, Adam; Toon, Bernie (Dorgan); Tritter, Beth; Van Home, Bill; Walsh, Brian W.; Warder, Amy; Whitworth, Bryan; Williams, Brendan; Wilson, Andrew; Wright, BG (Appropriations)

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#### Release of additional BRAC information

The Department of Defense is making additional BRAC information available for review by the BRAC Commission and Congress.

o In compliance with the BRAC statutes, the Department of Defense provided its recommendations to the BRAC commission and Congress on May 13th. Additionally, the following data has been provided to the Commission and Congress:

- 7 The classified force structure plan (Volume 2 of the Department's recommendation);
- 7 Reports by the Military Departments and the Joint Cross Service Groups (Volumes 3-12);
- 7 222 BRAC recommendation binders, containing the Department's analysis of each recommendation against all eight selection criteria;
- 7 Cost of Base Realignment Action Model with static data;
- 7 Installation imagery of bases to be visited; and
- 7 Testimony to the Commission by senior DoD officials.

To further support the Commission's and the public's understanding of the Department's recommendations, the Department is preparing to submit a general database pertaining to all U.S. facilities by close of business on May 31st.

o The volume of this supplementary data is more than 100 times greater than for previous BRAC rounds.

o As in previous base realignment and closure rounds, the Department is establishing handling procedures for the general database.

7 The database is entirely digital and contains some classified information. For that reason, the entire database must be treated as classified while DoD continues to process of declassifying substantial portions of it.

o DoD staff will make the entire digital database accessible on computers in a secure reading room in Crystal City near the BRAC Commission offices. We plan to have this material available by Tuesday evening, May 31st. Consistent with prior BRAC rounds, we are working with Congressional staff to establish a similar secure reading room on Capitol Hill.

o The entire digital database will be made available to the commission, to Members of Congress, and to Congressional staff with "SECRET" clearances.

o The public, through the BRAC Commission, will have access to all unclassified information by Saturday, June 4.

o Unlike previous BRAC rounds, the Department will have a simultaneous process of rapid declassification of information on the database as appropriate should community representatives desire such information and should it be determined to be eligible for rapid declassification.

o The Department believes the full volume of data available to the Congress, the BRAC commission, and the public will be substantially greater than was made available in prior BRAC rounds.

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