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Art, its been brought to our attention by reliable sources in the AF that there is a significant difference in added training flight time required for similar missions conducted from Dyess versus Ellsworth. This would go directly to the issue of additional costs that may not have been factored into the DoD recommendation.

We understand that the additional time is estimated at a cumulative average of 0.7 hrs. or greater per sortie. The basis for the added time needed by Dyess is to access the ranges needed to accomplish all their required training mission profiles. E.G. they may have to fly to several different MOAs to meet all the profiles.

Ellsworth's flights can accomplish an estimated 88% of all such requirements in the Powder River MOA. Dyess apparently has a less percent rate of being able to accomplish mission profiles in one spot.

You may want to ask the Air Force to provide its "*Daily Sortie Duration Times*" for both Dyess and Ellsworth to confirm this. Again, we are not trying to compare to Dyess, but this raises another cost issue - The additional B-1s will pick up this added flight time if moved to Dyess, thus adding to the cost.