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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0504

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing in response to your letter addressed to Mr. William Judkins on April 14, 2000, requesting the Navy to maintain on-site staff at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California.

Although Engineering Field Activity (EFA) West remains an operational command providing service to those military installations located in the Bay Area, including base closure properties, the overall workload for EFA West has declined and, at the same time, the overall staffing and budget for Naval Facilities Engineering Command has declined. Therefore, we centralized the management of base closure efforts on the West Coast in our Engineering Field Division in San Diego. While the base closure work including the Navy's environmental program is managed in San Diego, a small staff of base closure personnel remains in the Bay area to facilitate communication with the local communities, regulators, and base tenants and owners.

Due to resource limitations, we are unable to staff an on-site environmental office for the Navy at Moffett Field. In accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with NASA, we will retain responsibility for the Navy's environmental program. Additionally, we have already transitioned the environmental workload to San Diego. It is our goal to ensure the remaining environmental work and long term monitoring at Moffett Field continue without delay.

Please be assured that we are committed to providing effective service to all parties with whom we share our base realignment and closure partnership. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to future successes at Moffett Field. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Marie Avery, Base Closure Manager, at (619) 532-0949. You may also contact Ms. Marianne Potacka, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, at (619) 532-0941.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Kesler".

KIMBERLY KESLER
Director, Base Closure Operations
By the direction of the Commander