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6th INFANTRY DIVISION (LIGHT)

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ARMY BUDGET AND PERSONNEL REDUCTION
IN ALASKA

March 4, 1988

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska, Mar. 4, 1988 -- Officials at the Headquarters of the 6th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska today announced their plan to meet reductions in budget and authorized civilian spaces recently imposed by Fiscal Year 88 and 89 budget decisions.

The division's initial budget of \$143 million for operations and maintenance during the current fiscal year, ending Sept. 30, 1988, has been reduced to \$127 million, a reduction for the year of \$16 million. To make up for this shortfall the division has initiated many cost saving measures to include a reduction in military and civilian travel, civilian training, the purchase of supplies and military field training. Most overtime has been eliminated and hiring is limited to only critical essential jobs. Building projects have been cancelled.

These measures will save approximately \$11.4 million. In spite of the many cost-saving steps, the Army is still short \$4.6 million in civilian pay for this year.

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ARMY BUDGET 2-2-2-2-2

A furlough, or leave without pay, of 79 hours will be taken by 1714 Department of the Army civilian employees this year beginning in April. Receiving furloughs will be 1073 employees at Fort Richardson, 468 at Fort Wainwright and 173 at Fort Greely. They include most general schedule, wage grade and temporary employees paid from appropriated funds. These employees were sent their general notification on Feb. 12.

The 79-hour figure was selected in part to minimize the possibility of employees losing accrual of annual or sick leave because of the furlough.

Excluded from this furlough will be 111 employees, including 14 from Operations and Maintenance, Army Reserve, 30 from Army Family Housing, and 67 from petroleum facilities. Another 1240 civilian employees also will not receive furloughs, at least not from the division. They include some 440 non appropriated fund employees, 360 Army/Air Exchange Service employees and 440 tenant, or non-divisional unit, employees.

Salaries for the 1351 total personnel in the categories exempt from the divisional furlough are exempt because they are funded from other sources.

In addition to furloughs, it is anticipated that some of the civilian pay deficit will be made up by early retirements. The Office of Personnel Management has approved early retirements for the 191 civilian employees who are eligible. The retirements would take place between April 1 and September 1, 1988 if the employees elect to take them.

In addition to this year's budget reduction the division also received a reduction in the number of authorized Department of the Army civilian employee positions for fiscal year 1989, which begins Oct. 1, 1988. The division's cut is 334 spaces which means the command must reduce its authorized civilian positions from 2027 to 1693 by October. Spaces to be eliminated include 187 at Fort Richardson, 130 at Fort Wainwright and 17 at Fort Greely.

ARMY BUDGET 3-3-3-3

Many of the 334 positions to be eliminated are not currently filled. However, to execute this 17 percent space reduction, the command will be forced to release some temporary and full time permanent civilian employees.

It is expected that the number of full time employees to actually leave will be less than 123. Most of the temporary employee work force will be released. An estimated 117 temporary employee appointments will be terminated.

Displaced permanent full time employees will leave in June following 60-day notices issued in April. Although there is no requirement, temporary employees to be separated will be given a 30-day notice next week and will leave on April 8, 1988.

Reduction in force regulations and procedures must be used to release competing employees from their positions in accordance with the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter 351. Employees will compete for retention in other occupied and unoccupied positions based on their career tenure, veterans preference and years of Federal service.

Employees who are released from Federal service will receive assistance in obtaining other federal employment. They will be eligible for registration in the Department of Defense's computerized priority placement program, which helps to match employees with vacancies in other DoD activities for which they are qualified.

Separated permanent employees may also be eligible for severance pay and early retirement. Temporary employees do not compete in a reduction in force and per DoD regulations must be released before a qualified permanent employee with the same or similar job skill. Both permanent and temporary employees will be paid for unused annual leave.

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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BILL NO: HR 12

SUBJECT: HEADQUARTERS OF SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION

MESSAGE: LOCATION OF 6TH INFANTRY DIVISION SHOULD BE BASED ON NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY. ASSUMPTIONS LISTED IN HR 12 EITHER NOT RELEVANT TO STRATEGY OR RESULT IN POOR STRATEGY. BOAT HAS BEEN MISSED. THINK, AND MAKE BETTER ASSUMPTIONS.

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NEXT COMMITTEE: RULES

BILL: HR 12

CURRENT VERSION:

SCHEDULED: FEBRUARY 22, 1988

SPONSOR: HANLEY

PHONE NO: 4939

CONTACT FILE: _____

BILL SUBJECT: RELATING TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION

SPONSOR BACKUP: PACKET IN FILES - notified Hanley's office of schedule

AFFECTED AGENCIES:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/PHONE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
MILITARY AFF.	JEFF MORRISON/4600	
	Lucy Hudson - 586-7400	- notified

FISCAL NOTES

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>FY 88 AMT</u>	<u>FY 89 AMT</u>
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: February 10, 1988
Title: Resolution: Relating to the headquarters of the 6th Infantry Division
Sponsor: Hanley & others
Requestor: House State Affairs Committee

Agency Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs
BRU: _____
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact on Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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Division: Administrative & Support Services, DMVA Date: February 10, 1988
Approved by Commissioner: MG John W. Schaeffer Date: February 10, 1988
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February 22, 1988

Rep. Fran Ulmer, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
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Dear Rep. Ulmer and Members of the State Affairs Committee:

Today you are hearing HJR 66 and HR 12, relating to the headquarters of the Sixth Infantry Division. I would like to submit the following testimony for the record.

I am strongly opposed to the attempt to alter the planned deployment of the Sixth Infantry Division (Light) through HR 12. The decision to locate the headquarters of the light infantry division at Ft. Wainwright was made in 1985, after extensive public hearings and deliberation by the Department of the Army. I believe the location of the division should be based on the national defense needs of the country as determined by the military, rather than regional economic interests.

Fairbanks and Anchorage have had a close and cooperative relationship with the military for many years. Both communities are experiencing serious economic decline, with associated real estate and employment problems. Much of the planning and construction for the Sixth Infantry Division (Light) is already underway in Fairbanks.

Both Ft. Wainwright and Ft. Richardson will experience a gain in population as a result of deployment of the L.I.D. We should be careful not to risk federal funding of the division by showing a lack of state unity. Therefore, I oppose passage of HR 12 and support HJR 66.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Davis".

Rep. Mike Davis