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C1 The Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Jr.  
United States Senate

R Dear Senator Williams:

Your March 12, 1973, letter requested us to furnish information in response to a constituent's inquiry regarding the planned consolidation of the Munitions Command (MUCOM) at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, and the Weapons Command at Rock Island, Illinois. Your constituent suggested postponing the move of MUCOM until June 1974 and coordinating the move with that of the Army Electronics Command from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. 502 550

C2 We noted in our February 21, 1973, letter that we were studying all aspects of the Army reorganization, including the creation of an Armaments Command by consolidating the Munitions and Weapons Commands. We intend to report our findings and conclusions to the Congress by July 1973 and will, of course, send you a copy of our report. 01000001

In the meantime, we can furnish you with the following interim information which was obtained without a complete, in-depth examination of the available documentation.

The reorganization will result in an initial relocation of 282 jobs from MUCOM in Dover, to the Armaments Command in Rock Island and the elimination of 323 existing jobs at MUCOM. The Army expects that, of the 535 people affected by the reorganization at MUCOM, Dover, New Jersey, 173 will transfer to Rock Island, 170 will retire or take other jobs, and 192 will be involved in a reduction in force. The Army still estimates that all 173 transfers will be completed during July, August, and September 1973. Three project manager offices with 139 positions will also be transferred from Dover to Rock Island, but not until July 1974.

The schedule for transferring Dover functions to Rock Island depends on the schedule for consolidating the MUCOM functions at Joliet, Illinois, and the Weapons Command functions at Rock Island and for creating an Armaments Command.

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We were told that the transfer of functions of the Electronics Command from Philadelphia to Fort Monmouth was extended for 6 months, from November 1973 to June 1974. However, some people will relocate to Fort Monmouth between August and November 1973.

Army officials informed us that, under Civil Service regulations, MUCOM employees who do not transfer to Rock Island will not have any positive rights to vacant jobs at Fort Monmouth. Such employees would be considered surplus employees, and as such, the Army Materiel Command (AMC) would try to place them in its own organization under its Personnel Priority Placement Program. This program gives AMC employees affected by the reorganization priority consideration for any openings in AMC organizations.

We shall be pleased to discuss the above with you or with members of your staff if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Roberts".

Comptroller General  
of the United States