

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

30 October 73

NOTE FOR GEN BRADBURN, SAFSP

Dave:

Attached for your information are
copies of documents pertaining to
Westover AFB closure:

1. M/R 24Oct73 re WAFB Closure,
Del [REDACTED] 13231-73, w/3 attachments:
 - a. 23Oct73 ltr McL to CofS (S)
 - b. 23Oct73 ltr McL to Meyer
[REDACTED] 13214-73)
 - c. Recap of Manning (S)
2. Charter for the 544th ARTW Facility
Modification Working Group, 25Oct73.

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John E. Karpis, Jr.
Brig General, USAF

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24 October 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Westover Air Force Base Closure

This memorandum outlines the decision made by the DNRO on 19 Oct regarding the Air Force Special Projects Production Facility (AFSPPF). The Secretary has approved the reduction and ultimate closure of AFSPPF. Attached is a copy of his memorandum informing the Chief of his decision and a copy of a memorandum to the CINCSAC.

The following outlines the main points of this decision:

- There are [redacted] military and [redacted] civilian spaces at AFSPPF.
- By early FY 75 the manning will be reduced to [redacted] military and [redacted] civilian for a total of [redacted] spaces.
- A shuffle of enlisted grades will take place in order to achieve no manning below the grade of E-6 remaining at the AFSPPF.
- This reduction will result in [redacted] spaces being returned to AFSC/USAF, 21 spaces transferred to SAMS0 and [redacted] spaces to another location.
- Some of the presently carried out activities will be continued at an alternate site. This site will require some construction and MCP funding.
- Some time after Congress approves these MCP funds, 30 additional spaces will be phased out of the AFSPPF to other locations and two returned to AFSC/USAF. This will reduce manning at AFSPPF to [redacted] military and [redacted] civilian spaces.

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- When construction at the alternate site is completed, approximately [redacted] spaces will be transferred to it. The remaining [redacted] military and [redacted] civilians will be returned to AFSC/USAF.

- AFSPPF will share in whatever the Air Staff decides to provide at WAFB during the interim.

- No OSAF pressure will be placed on the Air Staff.

A note of caution! The above figures are initial planning factors. A detailed phase-out plan will be developed and some of these numbers can be expected to change. Until this happens, at Attachment #3 is a recap of expected manning levels.

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John E. Kuipa, Jr.
Brigadier General, USAF
Director

Attachments

1. 23Oct73 ltr McLucas to CofS (S)
2. 23Oct73 ltr McLucas to Mey [redacted] 3214-73)
3. Recap of Manning (S)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

October 23, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, USAF

SUBJECT: Westover Air Force Base Closure

As you are aware, I have been interested in the actions pertaining to the phase out of active Air Force units at Westover Air Force Base as a result of the closure directed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In connection with this closure, I have approved the reduction and ultimate closure of the Air Force Special Projects Production Facility along the following lines.

By early FY 1975 the military manning associated with this activity will be reduced by about one half, permitting a turn-in of unneeded spaces to the Air Force Systems Command.

Because certain of the activities presently carried out at the Special Projects Production Facility must be located elsewhere, it will continue in operation until alternate facilities are available. The relocation of functions will require retention and reallocation of some manpower spaces at other locations. The remaining spaces will be returned to Systems Command following closure of the facility at Westover AFB.

Brigadier General John E. Kulpa, Jr., is the contact point on my staff. He will keep you informed of activities pertaining to the closure of this facility.


John L. McLucas

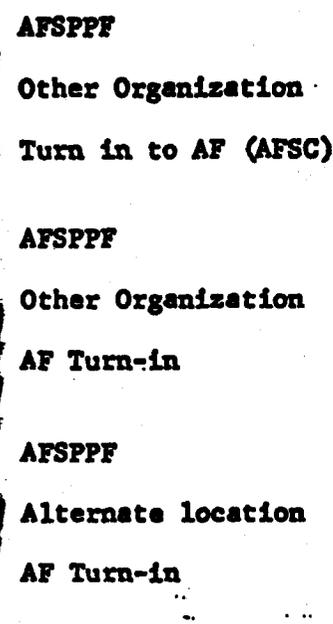
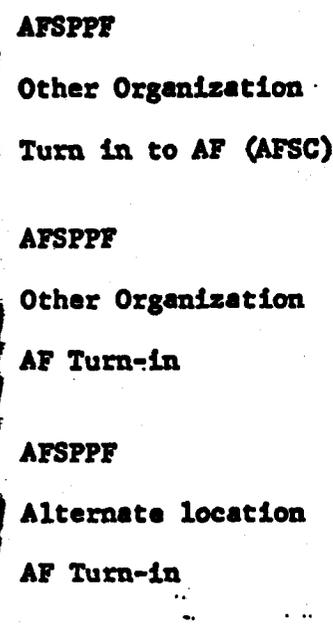
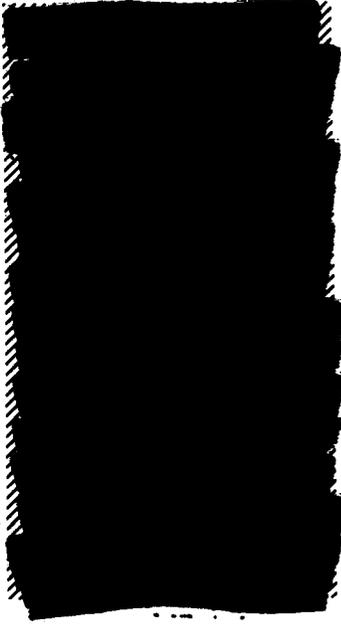
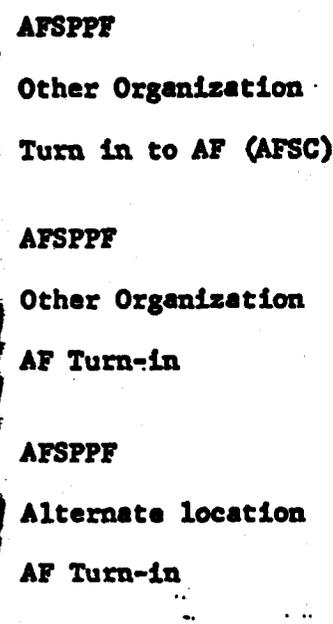
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	<u>Mil</u>	<u>Civ</u>		<u>Cumulative Turn-in</u>
Current			AFSPPF	
			Other Organization	
			Turn in to AF (AFSC)	
Early FY 75			AFSPPF	
			Other Organization	
			AF Turn-in	
Interim			AFSPPF	
Upon completion of alternate location			Alternate location	
			AF Turn-in	

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**CHARTER
for the
544th ARTW Facility Modification Working Group**

INTRODUCTION

As a result of the planned closure of the Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts the Secretary of the Air Force has determined that the Air Force Special Projects Production Facility at Westover Air Force Base would ultimately be closed and approximately 20% of its production responsibility transferred to the 544th ARTW located at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Other functions of the AFSPPF will be transferred to other locations. A working group is hereby established pursuant to instructions from the Director of the Office of Space Systems, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in response to directions from the Secretary of the Air Force.

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP

The purpose of the working group is to develop the plans necessary to perform a facility modification to the 544th ARTW which will enable it to accept a portion of the production workload to be transferred from the AFSPPF. This will include but not be limited to the following specific functions:

1. Determine the modifications required to the 544th Facility in sufficient detail to be provided to an architect engineer.
2. Determine whether the architect engineering functions can be performed by the Air Force Civil Engineer or the Army Corps of Engineers. If neither of these two organizations can provide the service then a civilian firm must be employed.
3. Develop the construction and funding information required for requesting MCP funds.
4. Develop a schedule depicting major milestones.

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COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

The working group is responsible to the Director of the Office of Space Systems for accomplishing the objectives outlined above. The working group shall consist of representatives as appropriate from AFSPPF, SAC, SAFSP, and SAFSS.

Each organization will designate an individual who will be responsible for the participation in working group meetings, and for assembling such data and expertise from within his organization as may be required to properly support the working group.

The Commander of AFSPPF is designated as the chairman of the working group. The chairman may augment the group's membership or establish subgroups as he deems necessary for the accomplishment of the responsibilities assigned to the working group.