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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** BASE COMMANDERS LUNCHEON  
**DATE:** JANUARY 3, 2003  
**CC:** RENICK

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U.S. Department of Defense policy requires base commanders and other personnel NOT to discuss “how to BRAC-proof their bases” with local and community leaders. To skirt the use of “BRAC-proofing” you should ask the commanders how the state can improve to the “military utility” (usefulness, economic development efforts) and quality of life issues for base personnel in the local community. For example, a four-lane bypass on Highway 45 to improve traffic safety around the Columbus Air Force Base would improve economic development efforts as well.