Sir, Below is my proposed response to Mr. Art Beauchamp.

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Mr. Beauchamp,

1.) The attached COBRA report lists Ellsworth's gross facility square footage (SF) as 3,684,000. The SF for Ellsworth as per the GSF BRAC Question 28-445 was 4,488,689 as adjudicated. Ellsworth AFB GSF excluding military family housing continues to be 4.4M SF. That is a decrease of 805,000 SF or 18%. HQ AF has been unable to answer why or from where the report decreased our facility square footage.

2.) Yes, Ellsworth has the capability to bed down the entire B-1 fleet. With the extra docks we have in the south ramp, our excellent airfield pavements, the space that the 37th BS just vacated last month, the extra simulator building that will be available in spring '06, and the extra capacity in our support facilities such as housing, dormitories, and the medical facility we have from previously having 4 Wings, we can absorb the entire fleet today. We have prepared a list of future MILCON facility projects for $49.5M to support long term sustainment of the B-1 in attachment two for your consideration if needed.

V/r,
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Attach:
1. COBRA SF.PDF
2. Future MILCON.doc

From: Beauchamp, Arthur, CIV, WSO-BRAC [mailto:Arthur.Beauchamp@wso.whs.mil]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2005 9:40 AM
To: Rollins Jennifer A Capt 28 BW/XP
Cc: Garrett Dave S LtCol 28 BW/DS
Subject: Questions

Capt Rollins,

A follow-up to our phone conversation.

We would like to know the specifics on the square footage shortage. At the visit, it was mentioned that the square footage shortage for Ellsworth was 80,000 sq feet. Can you confirm this? If true, please what specifically does the shortage entail--land, flightline, hanger, etc.,.

Also, does Ellsworth have the capability to beddown the entire fleet of B-1s? If I remember correctly I was told yes. If so, what are the MILCON shortages or issues in general regarding facilities and infrastructure.

Tks.

Art Beauchamp