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To: 'Beauchamp, Arthur, CIV, WSO-BRAC'
Subject: RE: Daily Sortie Duration Times
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Thanks, Art. I figured you would already be all over this. We will double check the 88% to see if this distinguishes between type of missions, though I'm sure it does not include live munitions drops.

Percentages aside though, when you get the data from Air Force look closely at flight time difference. If based on a difference of 0.7 hrs of additional flight time at Dyess, this calculates out to approximately \$280 million in additional cost to the Air Force if flying all B-1s from Dyess over 20 years when adding \$14,000 per mission (0.7).

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Bob,

Thanks for the date point.

We've asked flying hr cost questions through the Clearinghouse. Such as, cost per flying hr at Dyess and Ellsworth, utilization of the primary training ranges, project costs savings if there was a consolidation,.etc. The respond we get back should (we hope) address your questions.

I'm not sure about the 88% of all requirements being preformed at Ellsworth since they can't do weapons release. Utilization of MOA at Ellsworth for FY2005 shows.

Powder: 49.4% (979 scheduled sorties)

UTTR: 18.1% (359 scheduled sorties)

Nellis: 6.4% (126 scheduled sorties)

Smoky Hill: 5.9% (118 scheduled sorties)

Hays MOA: 3.6% (72 scheduled sorties)

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From: Taylor, Bob (Thune) [mailto:Bob_Taylor@thune.senate.gov]
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Art, its been brought to our attention by reliable sources in the AF that there is a significant difference in added training flight time required for similar missions conducted from Dyess versus Ellsworth. This would go directly to the issue of additional costs that may not have been factored into the DoD recommendation.

We understand that the additional time is estimated at a cumulative average of 0.7 hrs. or greater per sortie. The basis for the added time needed by Dyess is to access the ranges needed to accomplish all their required training mission profiles. E.G. they may have to fly to several different MOAs to meet all the profiles.

Ellsworth's flights can accomplish an estimated 88% of all such requirements in the Powder River MOA. Dyess apparently has a less percent rate of being able to accomplish mission profiles in one spot.

You may want to ask the Air Force to provide its □Daily Sortie Duration Times□ for both Dyess and Ellsworth to confirm this. Again, we are not trying to compare to Dyess, but this raises another cost issue - The additional B-1s will pick up this added flight time if moved to Dyess, thus adding to the cost.