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MEMORANDUM FOR The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Correspondence From Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy Regarding Military Commissary Stores -- ACTION **MEMORANDUM**

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your signature on a reply (Tab A) to a letter from Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy, Member of Congress.

Background and Issues: Delegate Fauntroy wrote to you (Tab B), expressing concern over a Department of Defense and Office of Management and Budget proposal to close all commissary stores in the Washington, D. C. area in Fiscal Year 1976.

During the Program/Budget Decision (PBD) process for Fiscal Year 1977, one of the alternatives considered to effect commissary store savings included a proposal to close the seven stores in the Washington, D. C. area. This proposal was not selected.

However, the alternative approved by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, directs that my office, in conjunction with the Services, conduct a review of commissary operations to effect personnel reductions by a combination of store closures and management improvements. I have started the review process.

Recommendation: That the proposed reply at Tab A be signed.

Coordination:

Principal Deputy

Attachments

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