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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Request for Economic Adjustment Assistance - Langdon,  
North Dakota - ACTION MEMORANDUM

On 25 November 1975, Congressman Mark Andrews of North Dakota requested economic adjustment assistance to help alleviate the adverse impact of anticipated changes at the ABM site in his state. After preliminary discussions with the Congressman's staff and other members of the Delegation, representatives of my Office of Economic Adjustment visited the area on 3-5 December to make a preliminary assessment of the impact.

The attached reply to Congressman Andrews advises him that a briefing will be provided and assures him of continued cooperation by the Department and the President's Economic Adjustment Committee.

Your signature is recommended.

JOHN J. BENNETT

Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense

(Installations and Logistics)

Attachment

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

November 25, 1975

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Secretary ~~Rumsfeld~~:

As you know, when the House passed the FY 76 Department of Defense appropriations bill, it included a recommendation to mothball the ABM site in northeastern North Dakota. The Senate, on November 18, 1975, in a separate vote on the ABM issue, also agreed to "deactivate" the ABM site except for the PAR system.

I am sure you can appreciate the adverse economic impact on several North Dakota communities resulting from this phasedown. Approximately 1460 ABM related jobs will be eliminated in this rural area and it is estimated that the adverse economic impact is a net loss of \$35 million annually.

Because of these factors, I urge you to give your complete support to any community impact assistance programs within the Department of Defense as well as to efforts of the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustments.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
MARK ANDREWS  
Congressman for North Dakota

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