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MEMORANDUM FOR

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The Secretary of Defense has recently reported to me on the activities of the Interagency Economic Adjustment Committee which was established in 1970 to assist Defense impacted communities. I was especially pleased to learn of the Committee's assistance to communities in providing new employment opportunities and in overcoming other economic difficulties associated with Defense realignment actions.

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I am advised that the Department of Defense has recently announced additional actions designed to better utilize available resources through reductions in overhead and base support costs. I want to ensure that the Committee continues to act effectively in assisting communities that may be affected. Accordingly, I am expanding the Committee's membership to include the addressees listed above and affirm this Administration's commitment to utilize the resources of the Federal Government to alleviate economic difficulties caused by necessary Defense realignment actions.

In furtherance of this commitment, each member is directed to:

1. Maintain agency representation on the Committee at the Under Secretary or Deputy level.
2. Give priority attention to the critical adjustment needs and applications submitted by impacted communities.
3. Review agency programs and statutory authorities to ensure sufficient flexibility for quick response to critical community adjustment requirements.
4. Streamline property disposal procedures.
5. Emphasize identification of early interim civilian use of facilities.

I appreciate the cooperation and assistance which you and your associates have given to Committee projects in the past. I have asked the Secretary of Defense to continue as Chairman and I would like you to continue your support for the activities of this Committee.

Gerald R. Ford

