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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Joint Strike Fighter Initial Training Site Selection

After careful consideration I am directing that the selection process for the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Initial Training Site be conducted within the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process initiated by the Secretary of Defense. BRAC 2005 offers the best approach to complete required environmental documentation, assess current and post-BRAC facility options, and construct facilities necessary to meet the aircraft's delivery schedule and initial operating capability requirement.

Utilizing the BRAC 2005 process will allow the selection of the Initial Training Site to be fully integrated into that process, providing the opportunity to make the most efficient and effective use of the capacity and capabilities of the enduring base structure that will result from the BRAC 2005 process. This will minimize the chance that the Department would construct new facilities that would duplicate excess capacity or that the site selection would be reversed by a subsequent BRAC decision.

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