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APRIL 8, A993

TO: M. Don Abel
DISTRICT 10

FROM: S. BRENNEN, 730-5292

RE: MAIL FORWARDED FROM ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR

ATTACHED PLESE FIND CORRESPONDENCE ON THE REGIONAL AIRPORT ISSUE WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD.

THANK YOU.

3675 Fenelon Street
San Diego, CA 92106

April 1, 1993

Mr. M. Larry Lawrence, Chairman
Hotel Del Coronado
1500 Orange Avenue
Coronado, California 92118

**RE: SAN DIEGO AIRPORT SELECTION**

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I have talked with an old friend who recently retired as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

He suggests that the way to get the Marines off of Miramar before they move in is two-fold:

1. Offer to upgrade Marine facilities at Yuma and Navy facilities at El Centro so that the Marines can be accommodated at Yuma. This would have a lot of appeal in Yuma since they have just lost the Padres spring training camp.

2. Arrange it so the Base Closure Commission will consider converting the airside of Miramar to civilian use, and putting the Marines in Yuma.

With my background in commercial aviation analysis I can make a pretty strong case for a civilian airport at Miramar producing a positive economic impact.

I have no contacts or influence with the Closure Commission.

Sincerely,

George J. Mitchell

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March 24, 1993

Mr. M. Larry Lawrence, Chairman
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**RE: SAN DIEGO AIRPORT SELECTION**

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Reference my letter of 3/12, the following may be of interest:

1. I am informed that the Navy had a Miramar briefing for local politicians and planners last Friday. They want the Marines to have six years to get used to Miramar, then they can talk about doing something at Miramar in exchange for leaving MCRD alone.

   Those in attendance felt that the Navy made a very weak case for having the Marines at Miramar.

2. Twin Ports continues to be a dead issue.

3. Mayor Golding continues to indicate publicly that Miramar is not a viable option, while her staff privately says that the issue is still open. If we drop this one, we are in trouble for a long time.

The Base Closure Commission plans to meet in San Diego on April 27. If you plan on doing something about Miramar, this would be a good place for you or your designee.

If I can help: 222-4488

Sincerely,

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