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Mr. M. Larry Lawrence
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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I was pleased to see Ms. Valerie Alford's article in the 10 March UNION TRIBUNE that covered your position urging county supervisors to explore the conversion of the Miramar Naval Air Station into San Diego's regional/international airport.

I have been advocating this conversion since my first letter to the editor dated 15 November 1990. Subsequent letters to the editors followed, and I enclose copies of these letters.

Congressman Randy Cunningham is a good friend of mine, but I don't completely agree with his arguments that appeared in the UNION TRIBUNE ON 15 March 1993.

Yesterday I went with the San Diego Aerospace Museum volunteers to the ElCentro Naval Air Station to see the Blue Angeles practice. Now, that's a good location for Miramar operations, but that's not what San Diego wants. I want to move Miramar operations to Brown Field....keep them in San Diego.

The people around Miramar, for some reason, think that commercial jet transports are noisier than military jets and they are worried that street traffic in their neighborhoods will increase if Miramar is converted to a commercial airport. This is wrong. A big educational program will be necessary.

I hope you will have the time to read my letters to the editor and my letter to Secretary of Defense Cheney which was never answered or acknowledged.

Most sincerely,

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The Honorable
Richard B. Cheney
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
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Dear Secretary Cheney:

San Diego's airport dilemma has been the subject of discussion for the past 30 years. Many costly solutions, most of which are not feasible, have been studied and studied.

I would like to suggest that you set up a team of unbiased personnel to take a look at the cost and operations benefits to our country, to San Diego, and to the U.S. Navy to move the Navy operations from Miramar NAS to San Diego's Brown Field. I'm sure there are some disadvantages as well as advantages in making such a transfer; however, a Defense Department Team which could include San Diego City, County and Port District representation plus appropriate knowledgeable people from the FAA and the airlines could come up with the right answer.

The purpose of this team is to determine the cost & feasibility to transfer the Navy Operations from Miramar to Brown Field. The purpose would not, and should not, be to find another location for San Diego's International Airport.

I am pleased to enclose copies of two "Letters to the Editors" which summarize my thoughts on this subject. The Miramar airport location is ideally located to serve as a major southern California International Airport.

Most sincerely,

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