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Follow-on Information Regarding Meeting with Washington Officials

SAN DIEGO, February 17, 2006 – On Thursday, February 16 San Diego County Regional Airport Authority officials met with Assistant Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn in Washington, D.C. regarding the issue of joint use at local military bases in San Diego County as a way of solving the region's future air transportation capacity shortfall.

At the meeting, a presentation was provided by Airport Authority officials. The presentation centered on the Airport Authority's recognition of the role of San Diego's military bases to the national defense and its desire to contribute to military capability in the region. Following the presentation, Assistant Secretary Penn said that there were three criteria he applied to all decisions: is this solution best for the sailors and marines, the Department of Defense and the country. While Assistant Secretary Penn told our officials he clearly understood the problems, Mr. Penn stated that all solutions presented seem to jeopardize training for Sailors and Marines and therefore he could not support any of the proposals. He said he could not be teammates with the Airport Authority but would continue to provide information, as requested.

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