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I MADE TWO POINTS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE ON THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH LABORATORIES FROM HANSCOM FIELD.

FIRST, THAT THE POOR STATE OF THE ECONOMY IN OUR DISTRICT MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. ~~THE RECEPTION, GREATER LOWELL HERE FOR YEARS HAS BEEN AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF HAS HAD ONE OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE COUNTRY.~~ THE ROUTE 128 AREA HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE RECESSION. ~~THE STUDY BY MEMBER PERSONNEL AT C.R.L. MADE THIS POINT VERY CLEARLY. HANSCOM CAN SUPPORT BOTH CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH AND THE RESEARCH WORK FROM THE AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER.~~

SECOND, THAT THE RELOCATION WOULD NOT BE COST EFFECTIVE OR SERVE THE INTERESTS OF RESEARCH. SECRETARY MCLUCAS ASSURED ME THAT THESE FACTORS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO THE CONSIDERATION, AND THAT / FULL REVIEW THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED IS PROCEEDING.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVE MAHON, THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS NEXT MONTH ON THE PROPOSED AIR FORCE REALIGNMENT. I EXPECT TO TESTIFY AT THOSE HEARINGS ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAMBRIDGE LABORATORIES.

"CAUTIOUSLY OPTOMISTIC"