EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 91-17

WHEREAS, The presence of the United States Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard facilities are vital to the economy and well-being of the state of South Carolina and the communities in which military facilities are located; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has mandated that defense budget cuts be made as our nation's defense needs change; and,

WHEREAS, the potential closure and planned reductions of military functions and personnel is a matter of great concern to the state; and,

WHEREAS, all issues related to military force and mission reductions, base closings and future missions should be comprehensively studied through a coordinated effort; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment requires the designation of a single point of contact from which their services can be rendered;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the state of South Carolina, I hereby establish the South Carolina Defense Base Development Commission,
hereinafter called the Commission, which will serve to coordinate efforts to redevelop vacated military bases, ameliorate the economic adverse effects of military force reductions and base closures, and promote South Carolina's assets to preserve and locate future military missions within the state.

This Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, and it shall have as its membership the following representatives:

--At least two members to represent the two communities affected by base closures,
   --A chairman, and at least nine additional persons appointed at large.
   --At least one member from each of the other three South Carolina communities with military bases.

The initial term for the Commission members shall be four years. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. The total membership shall not exceed 25 members.

The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:

1. To act as a liaison to coordinate activities and planning between affected South Carolina communities, the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, the Office of Economic Adjustment, and any other appropriate federal or state agency,

2. To coordinate activities and conduct comprehensive studies of issues pertinent to military base closures, force reductions, conversions, redevelopment, and future use of bases. The Commission will ensure that these plans are submitted to the Governor and, as appropriate, to the South Carolina Legislature, the Congressional Delegation and impacted local governments for approval prior to submission to federal authorities,

3. To monitor and augment military activities in South Carolina,

4. Establish a formal relationship with the appropriate base facility re-
use and development organization, as created by local governments, within any community affected by recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission,

5. To make and execute agreements, contracts, and other instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of the Commission, and apply for and accept funds to execute these responsibilities,

6. To make any inquiry, investigation, survey, feasibility study or other study which the Commission may deem necessary for the Commission to carry out effectively the provisions of this order,

7. To recommend and undertake actions to mitigate the adverse effects of force reductions and base closings, and

8. To take other such actions as it may deem necessary or advisable in the furtherance of the purposes of this order.

The Commission shall promulgate by-laws, retain staff or contract services for the orderly conduct of its business and discharge of its responsibilities.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order 91-15 and shall take effect immediately.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR. Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State