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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the authority contained in 10 USC 2805, the Navy plans to provide Unspecified Minor MILCON funding for a Joint Test and Evaluation Facility for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, as described in the enclosure, subject to expiration of the Congressional notification period.

Identical letters have been sent to the Senate Armed Services and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

Wayne Arny
Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Installations & Facilities)

Enclosure

Copy to:
The Honorable Ike Skelton

Notification
of the
Intention to Proceed with
MILCON Projects

The Department of the Navy proposes to authorize the obligation of funds for the following Unspecified Minor MILCON project:

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State/Installation	($000)	Requirement and Description
Nevada Naval Air Station Fallon (P-351)	1,430	Joint Test and Evaluation Facility for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The Naval Air Station, Fallon, requires a Joint Test and Evaluation (JT&E) Facility for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). The Senate Appropriations Committee report 107-202 for the 2003 Military Construction Appropriation Bill, directed that this facility be constructed from the funds provided for unspecified minor construction within the Navy account. The Navy has been chartered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to conduct initial testing for new emerging UAV systems. Without this project NASWC would be limited in its ability to develop systems that will be instrumental in the application of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the future of Naval strike and air warfare.