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Mr. Pete Lehmann
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SUBJECT: AOPA Request for Airspace Disposition Process for the Yankee 2 MOA

Dear Mr. Lehmann,

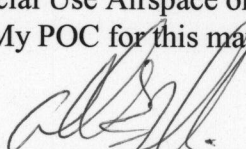
I received your letter of March 12, 2008, and thank you for the opportunity to discuss the status of YANKEE TWO MOA with AOPA.

As your letter detailed, A-10 operations at Barnes and Bradley Air National Guard Bases have concluded in accordance with the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) recommendations. BRAC also relocates F-15C aircraft from Otis ANGB to Barnes ANGB, a transition now underway. Consequently, the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for the BRAC Final Recommendations and Associated Actions for the 104th Fighter Wing" (Barnes ANGB) analyzed and documented continuing requirements for the use of both YANKEE MOAs. We believe the CONDOR MOA proposal could also facilitate the F-15C requirements; however, absent a determination on the CONDOR MOA proposal, it is premature to evaluate disposition of YANKEE TWO MOA.

In the interim, we anticipate that YANKEE TWO MOA will have very limited impact on civil aviation. We encourage your members to check the status of the MOA at <http://sua.faa.gov> as part of their routine flight planning and on the radio when MOA frequencies soon appear on sectional charts.

The Air Force takes very seriously its responsibility to minimize impact to other users during the execution of our mission requirements. We will re-evaluate disposition of the YANKEE TWO MOA at the earliest opportunity.

I value the great relationship our offices have developed in recent years as we continue working towards our common goal: Minimize the impact of Special Use Airspace on civil aviation without compromising military readiness and national security. My POC for this matter is Lt Col Bill Crowe.


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