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**City of Alexandria, Virginia – City Council Meeting of June 25, 2011**  
**Public Discussion Period**  
**Comments of Donald N. Buch (389 Livermore Lane, Alexandria)**

You are apparently pursuing a \$734,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to address Port Security in Alexandria. That would seem to beg the question of what you are doing to protect City residents from the very real terrorist-threatened facility which our City Government invited to locate at Mark Center.

We have heard how structurally reinforced the BRAC-133 building is. We have seen 5 acres of mature trees bulldozed so terrorists can't hide in the bushes. We have seen the Army insist upon having an on-site bomb detection facility. Apparently they believe the terrorist threat is very real. So, on behalf of the community, I would ask what is being done to protect us?

The CNA building can't be more than twenty feet from the BRAC building. It conveniently provides a buffer between BRAC and the bomb detection facility – a facility that is perhaps fifty feet from the I-395 on-ramp and not much further from pedestrian walkways. The BRAC building appears to be less than 100 feet from the IDA building. I would guess it is a similar distance from I-395, the major evacuation route from the Nation's Capital with 400,000 vehicles passing by on an average weekday. Children playing in the Winkler Preserve could be equally close. A 500 roomed hotel is effectively across the street. There are three elementary schools and one middle school in the immediate vicinity. There are numerous elderly and not terribly mobile residents in the area.

I believe the community deserves to know what actions you have taken to protect us. I fear that may simply be a rhetorical question. We would then ask what plans are in place to address a threat made against BRAC-133? What is the communication system? How will people know? What are people expected to do? And, should there be what I believe DoD refers to as an "incident", who do we look to for direction? Will certain buildings be on lockdown? Will people be expected to get in their vehicles and leave the area? Are parents to go to the schools and to the Winkler Preserve to pick up their children? What becomes of traffic on I-395? What are the expectations of response teams?

The BRAC building opens for business six weeks from Monday. So I ask you: What are the City's plans in response to related threats or incidents? And when and how will the community be made aware of those plans?