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ISSUE: MILCON Funding for Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic (SWFLANT), at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA

The Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay is charged with many missions relating to our nation's strategic submarine missile system. Two of these critical elements are nuclear weapons safety and security. Since September 11, 2001, many measures have been taken to ensure that security operations at not only Kings Bay but at all other nuclear weapons capable facilities throughout our nation are second to none. However, there is great need in Kings Bay for expansion of the current physical facilities for the following reasons:

- The Marine Corps Security Force has nearly doubled in size with the addition of some 400 Navy Master at Arms (MAA's) personnel. This goes a long way in giving the Marine Security Force Commander the needed resources to fulfill his assigned missions.
- Currently Marines work 24 hours shifts, while their Navy counterparts work 12 hour shifts. This is due to lack of additional berthing space needed to house the additional personnel that have been assigned.
- This disparity in working hours is a quality of life issue, with the navy personnel being forced to not only increase their commute time and cost of it; it also decreases the amount of time they have to spend with their families.
- With the assignment of additional female military personnel, the need has arisen for increased female berthing space for these personnel.
- With increased manning there is also the need for additional command and control electronics capabilities, and other working and living spaces.
- Garage space is needed for additional security vehicles for these added forces to utilize.

To promote a healthy command climate both the Marines and Navy Personnel need to be on equal footing with respect to berthing availability, other living and working spaces and actual time performing the mission. Funding 5000 square feet of additional space at the Limited Force Reaction Facility will greatly enhance the ability of the Marine Corps Security Force Company to fulfill their missions in Kings Bay.

Recommendation: Fully support the funding necessary for MILCON Project P-602 needed at Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic (SWFLANT).

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