



CITY OF OXNARD

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 1971

To: City Council

From: City Manager

SUBJECT: Misunderstanding of Council Action
On Proposed City-County Airport Agreement

I move that we disapprove the proposed agreement with Ventura County and direct the city manager to urge GSA to not give the air force base to the County for airport purposes.

The City Council's official action on the proposed airport agreement, as recorded in the Council minutes, was as follows:

"Councilman Tolmach moved to disapprove the proposed agreement with Ventura County; direct the City Manager to advise all pertinent agencies of this disapproval - as well as General Services; and we do not participate in any other agreements with Ventura County insofar as the Oxnard Air Force Base is concerned until a site at Pt. Mugu is available, and that the Airport on 5th Street in Oxnard remain as it is. Councilman Miller seconded - carried by following vote: Ayes: Councilman Jewell, Miller, Roussey, Tolmach, Sanchez. Noes: None. Absent: None."

The headlines, portions of the news stories, the radio news broadcasts, the actions of the Camarillo City Council members, plus the broadcast reactions of Supervisor Laubacher all indicate that many different interpretations have been made regarding Council's action.

The attached news story indicates that the Camarillo City Council members left the City Council meeting and immediately sent a wire to various Federal agencies and individuals indicating that the City Council unanimously voted "to join the City of Camarillo in its complete opposition to any airport use of the former Oxnard Air Force Base."

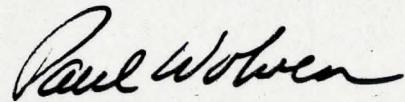
The caption on the news story in the Star Free Press "Oxnard Council votes to oppose Base for airport" is also misleading in that the Council's action did not indicate

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opposition to use of the base as an airport. The City Council's action, as we understand it, was to reject the proposed City-County agreement which would have involved Oxnard in acquisition of the base in return for certain assurances as to how the base would be operated.

Our notes on the comments and statements of Council members and on the official action of the City Council indicate that the Council's action didn't go much beyond rejection of the proposed agreement.

I believe it would be most helpful if the City Council will discuss and attempt to clarify the intent of last Tuesday's action on the proposed agreement so that the staff as well as the public will have no misunderstanding as to the current policy of the City Council in regard to County use of Oxnard Air Force Base, the existing County airport in Oxnard, and the proposal for a future commercial airport in the Pt. Mugu-Ormond Beach area.



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Attachments