

COMMITTEE AGAINST CAMARILLO AIRPORT

"QUALITY ENVIRONMENT"

P. O. BOX 800

CAMARILLO, CALIF. 93010

March 26, 1972

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Oxnard
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, California 93030

Gentlemen:

Because the Committee Against Camarillo Airport represents several thousand residents of your City we are writing to you relative to your proposed consideration (3/28/72) of action on an agreement with Ventura County for operation of Oxnard Air Force Base as an airport.

The CACA feels that your action to apply jointly with Ventura County for ownership if the Base is not in the best interests of your constituents for the following reasons:

1. The limitations set forth for operations at OAFB and at 5th Street provide inadequate protection against noise to already established residential areas, hospitals and schools.
2. The regulations providing for land use usurp the prerogative of the Oxnard Planning Commission.
3. The agreement does nothing to protect Oxnard from the current level of operations at the present Ventura County Airport, and in fact assures disastrous expansion at 5th Street should OAFB not be developed.
4. This agreement does make the City of Oxnard equally liable for any damages assessed against future operations at OAFB which bring about inverse condemnation or taxpayers suits.
5. The agreement gives Oxnard no method to change the agreement other than withdrawal from the agreement, which by terms of the agreement does not negate the City's responsibility for damages.

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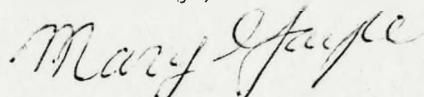
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6. The agreement, even if signed by the City Council of Oxnard, does not reflect the wishes of the majority of your constituents.

Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to editors of Ventura County media as of this date. This is a summary of the SCAG 10 County Airport Study which was done with the full knowledge and co-operation of Ventura County's Director of Airports and Harbors. We leave it for you to determine the sincerity of an agency which promises its constituents to limit airport activites and whose own emissary is simultaneously working on a study which projects an air passenger load totalling millions for 1985.

We respectfully request that you reject the Ventura County Agreement, and authorize your staff to work directly with the City of Camarillo toward protecting the Oxnard Plain from further intrusion by Ventura County government.

Sincerely,



Mrs. James Gayle
President

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Enclosure

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Dear Editor:

For the individuals who still insist that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors intends to limit the size of Oxnard Air Force Base, if they obtain it, we recommend the reading of Alternative Airport Systems Concepts - Progress Report - Southern California Regional Aviation Systems Study. This report was developed under the auspices of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The study was done by William L. Pereira Associates, member Airport Planners of SCAG, among whom was Ventura County's Director of Airports and Harbors. The report submits three concepts for future aviation development. All of these concepts project the Oxnard Air Force Base site as handling more passengers by 1985 than San Diego International is presently handling. Plan A projects 3.5 million passengers annually; Plan B - 4.5 million passengers annually, and Plan C - 4.5 million passengers annually. San Diego International presently (1970) handles 3 million passengers each year.

In the year 2000 the Oxnard Air Force Base site is projected at, under Plan A, to have ten million passengers annually; under Plan B - seventeen million, and Plan C - seventeen million. These figures represent 41.6% and 70.8% of the number of passengers handled by Los Angeles International Airport in 1970.

As if these startling projections were not enough, a statement is made that "Point Mugu (NAS) if available, could serve as a regional airport relieving Oxnard Air Force Base of medium and long haul service". (The underlining is ours - no medium or long haul service has been officially mentioned by Ventura County officials).

Another quote from this fantastic document is as follows: "All systems concepts assume that all existing publicly owned airports should remain in the system although their specific uses and levels of service may change."

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What a thought! Ventura County Airport, Oxnard Air Force Base, and Point Mugu, all operating regularly scheduled jet passenger aircraft, plus jet cargo aircraft.

Fortunately, this aviation "fantasy" has not yet been approved by anyone, but the thought is there, and the Committee Against Camarillo Airport urges ALL citizens to first read the report; then let your elected officials know that you oppose both the study, which if paid for, will cost approximately \$750,000 of your tax dollars, and the recommendations made by the consultant and their aviation industry dominated committee, CACA will make a copy of this report available for your perusal at the Camarillo Branch of the Ventura County Library and at the Oxnard City Library. Copies should also be available from SCAG or your own Supervisor.

WRITE NOW, it's later than you think.

Mary Gayle

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