

Additional View of Thomas F. Eagleton

I harbor one strong additional view which I feel compelled to state. The cooperation with the Commission's efforts varied significantly from service to service.

The Air Force ultimately gave its cooperation. The Army begrudgingly gave its reluctant cooperation. The Navy stonewalled and got away with it. Intransigence paid off. When the new Secretary of Defense looks to further base closings as a means of trimming the Pentagon budget, he should most certainly start with the Navy. The Navy "refused to play" this time; it should be obliged to next time.