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### **Air Force announces F-22 fleet consolidation**

WASHINGTON – Today the Air Force announced actions to consolidate the F-22 fleet. The Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force determined the most effective basing for the F-22. This requires redistributing aircraft from one F-22 squadron to units at four F-22 bases. A second squadron will be relocated to an existing F-22 base.

The affected bases are:

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.: Deactivate one squadron of F-22s and redistribute that squadron's aircraft to other F-22 units. Relocate the remaining squadron to Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska – receive six additional aircraft

Langley Air Force Base, Va. – receive six additional aircraft

Nellis AFB, Nev. – receive two additional aircraft

Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. – receive one additional squadron

“This plan maximizes combat aircraft and squadrons available for contingencies,” said Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, deputy assistant secretary for installations. “By consolidating aircraft at existing bases, F-22 operational flexibility is enhanced.”

Teams surveyed four F-22 bases, evaluating them for feasibility, timing, cost and planning purposes to accept additional F-22 aircraft. The Secretary of the Air Force and the

Chief of Staff of the Air Force carefully considered the site survey results and military judgment factors in making these basing determinations. These actions will be finalized subject to completion of appropriate environmental analysis.

The F-22 Raptor combines stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, and represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities.