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have no effect on whether cruise lines made portcalls at Key West, the overall net economic effect would be minimal.

The construction and operation of the Proposed Action Alternative projects would occur within the high security environment of Truman Annex and Boca Chica Airfield, which would prohibit access by unauthorized personnel. Most project impacts would be contained to the station and implementation of the projects would not result in disproportionate impacts to Bahama Village, to minority or low income populations, and no potential health or safety impacts to children to occur.

4.9.3 Full Support Alternative

The Full Support alternative includes all components of the Proposed Action Alternative. Consequently, Socioeconomic impacts associated with the Proposed Action Alternative would also result from implementation of the Full Support alternative. Considered below are only those project components of the Full Support alternative not found in the Proposed Action Alternative.

4.9.3.1 Airfield and Truman Annex Improvements

While the additional workers would come from other locations as well as the local commuting area, the total population increase is anticipated to be less than a four percent increase in the overall population, there would be some impacts to socioeconomic factors with the implementation of the major improvements. While land uses would stay the same and although no additional housing units are needed, lower enlisted rates now sharing houses would be required to return to living in barracks that do not meet the current Navy barracks standards of a separate room and shared bath per two occupants.

An increase of 300 military and civilian salaries would not noticeably affect the local or the regional economy. As in the Proposed Alternative, a large portion of military family salaries would be spent at the commissary and exchange and other on-station facilities. Thus, the local economic impact of military salaries would be much less than equivalent civilian salaries. Further, since the Full Support Alternative also would have no effect on whether cruise lines made portcalls at Key West, the overall net economic effect, while greater than the Proposed Action Alternative, would still be minimal.

The construction and operation of the additional projects in the Full Support alternative also would occur within the high security environment of Truman Annex and Boca Chica Airfield, which would prohibit access by unauthorized personnel. As with the proposed alternative, most project impacts would be contained within the NAF and implementation of the projects would not result in disproportionate impacts to Bahama Village, to minority or low income populations, and no potential health or safety impacts to children would occur.

4.9.4 No-Action Alternative

Under the No-Action alternative, proposed construction activities at the NAF would not occur. Baseline conditions would remain unchanged. Therefore, no significant impacts to socioeconomics or environmental justice would occur as a result of implementation of the No-Action alternative.

4.10 NOISE/AICUZ

NOTE: This section will be completed after receiving the Draft AICUZ study currently being prepared by SOUTH DIV.