

GAO debunks BRAC logic

Base-closing figures called way off-base

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The Army may have to choose between fully funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan or paying for

all construction projects called for by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decisions, according to two federal reports released Thursday.

The Government Ac-

countability Office issued the latest in a string of reports critical of the Pentagon's 2005 military base consolidation effort, prompting incredulity from New Jersey's congressional delegation.

In the two separate reports, the GAO examined portions of the 2005 BRAC decisions to shutter Fort Monmouth and other in-



stallations in a nationwide effort to streamline the military and save money.

The GAO — Congress' investigative arm — took a

look at 44 BRAC recommendations that call for the consolidation of Army National Guard and Reserve centers in 38 states. The office found that the Department of Defense overestimated the amount it would save from the moves and underestimated the costs. The report high-

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