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At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP OF VIEQUES AND CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary of Defense should explore all avenues and alternatives to expedite the ongoing cleanup and environmental restoration process in the former military training sites located on the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico;

(2) the Department of Defense should work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Government of Puerto Rico to ensure the decontamination process is conducted in a manner that causes the least possible intrusion on the lives of island residents and minimizes public health risks; and
(3) the Federal Government should collaborate with local and private stakeholders to effectively address economic challenges and opportunities in Vieques, Culebra, and the adjacent communities of the former United States Naval Station Roosevelt Roads.

(b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall complete a study and submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the status of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico. The study shall include a comprehensive analysis of the following:

(1) The pace of ongoing cleanup and environmental restoration efforts in the former military training sites in Vieques and Culebra.

(2) Potential challenges and alternatives to accelerate the completion of such efforts, including their associated costs and any impact they might have on the public health and safety of island residents.