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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware from my July 1, 2005 letter, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission has offered the opportunity for you or your representatives to testify before the Commission at 8:30 am on July 18, 2005 regarding the Commission's consideration to make changes to your recommendations. I suggested you consider offering testimony to clarify issues related to my letter that might facilitate any deliberative activities, scheduled to occur on July 19, 2005.

In the enclosure to my letter I identified issues on installations not proposed to be closed or realigned as well as to the Commission's misgivings regarding the recommendations related to the closure and realignment of approximately 30 Air National Guard units. In that regard, I also request that you facilitate testimony from representatives of the National Guard Bureau, The Department of the Air Force and The U.S. Northern Command to address the Air National Guard recommendations and respond to recent community testimony.

The Commission would appreciate receiving a copy of your witness list and unclassified statement or statements for the record by noon Friday, July 15th in hard copy and electronic format (CD).

My point of contact for this hearing is my Executive Director, Charles Battaglia at 703-699-2952

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Principi
Chairman

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