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The Honorable Carl Levin
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Senate Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

I am writing to offer my sincere gratitude and commendation to members of your staff who provided legal counsel, practical advice, and other assistance to me and my staff during the past seven months.

We were assisted, in particular, by your most able Chief of Staff, David S. Lyles, who tirelessly fielded all of our inquiries and provided astute legal and legislative guidance in all phases of the Commission's work. This Commission was fortunate in that it was staffed with extremely talented, highly qualified individuals – thanks in no small part to the recommendations received directly from your staff. From the first days when the Commission consisted of only a handful of individuals, throughout the regional and deliberative process, and whenever a question arose regarding statutory language, David were always willing to serve as a resource for my staff. His combined experience, guidance, and advice on past BRAC Commissions proved invaluable to this 2005 Commission.

We look forward to an on-going, constructive relationship with your Committee as the Commission continues its work into next year. I am pleased and grateful that our respective teams had the opportunity to work together, and will continue to do so throughout the life of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony J. Principi".

Anthony J. Principi
Chairman

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