

August 26, 2005

BRAC Commission

Mr. Anthony J. Principi, Commission Chairman
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Chairman Principi:

I cannot thank you and your fellow commissioners enough for today's decision in favor of keeping the 130th Airlift Wing active and flying. You, and your staff members, had an extremely difficult job to do, and I am truly appreciative of your willingness to thoroughly investigate the Department of Defense's recommendations and make an objective evaluation of the facts provided to you.

You conducted yourselves with the highest level of professionalism, and you have the sincere thanks of a very grateful state.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Manchin III
Governor