

May 20, 2005

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The Honorable Philip Coyle  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600  
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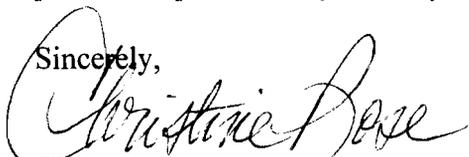
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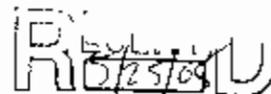
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