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July 27, 2005

Mr. Anthony Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

I am writing as the Mayor of the City of Florissant, the largest city in St. Louis County, and as the Chairman of the St. Louis County Municipal League Task Force. The Task Force is a group of mayors and other officials concerned with the fairness and accuracy of the Department of Defense recommendations.

We note that the Records Center here was included in the DOD recommendations to relocate to Fort Knox. Recently we were told that the DOD failed to consider the \$300-\$400 million cost of new facilities that would be needed at Fort Knox, apparently noted in an e-mail from Fort Knox commanders.

If true, we are outraged. We urge you to use every resource at your disposal to ensure that all cities are treated fairly by DOD. As an independent body, we must rely on the BRAC Commission to get to the bottom of what appears to be either a gross misrepresentation or an error requires review.

If you could inform me of the accuracy of the data now being used by BRAC to evaluate this facility where 2000 people work, all of the mayors concerned would be indebted to you.

Thank you for your diligent work on the BRAC project.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Lowery, Sr.
Mayor, City of Florissant
Chairman, Municipal League BRAC Task Force