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March 21, 2005

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General James T. Hill, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Nominee
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear General Hill:

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As Texas' top elected official, I join all Texans in supporting our military, not only in words, but by action. I offer for your consideration the enclosed packet of information highlighting my state's initiatives and commitment to maintaining the valued relationship that Texas so respects and enjoys with our military.

I am committed to continuing the state's role in a substantive partnership with our military installations and in the transformation of our national defense efforts. I look forward to working with you in the coming months and would welcome the opportunity to personally update you on the value of the military installations in Texas. If a meeting is possible, please call my office at (512) 463-1762 so I can accommodate your schedule. Together, we can ensure that Texas remains at the forefront of national defense.

Sincerely,

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry
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Lieutenant General Claude M. Kicklighter, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Nominee
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

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