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Sincerely,

Myrtle M. Hellegan
(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Chester, N.Y. 14227
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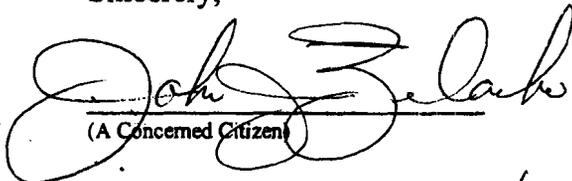
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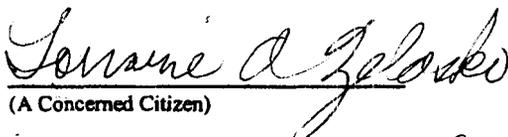
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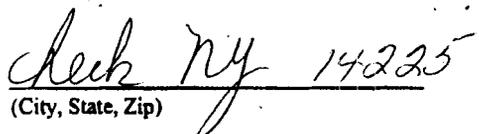
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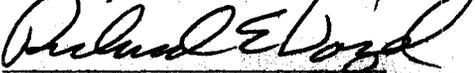
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

The Defense Department has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossing between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the waters of the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- * Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.

- * We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.

- * Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.

- * Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.

- * Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I humbly request that you strongly reconsider the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and 914th Airlift Wing have been instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Denise McVay

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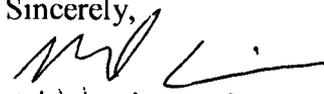
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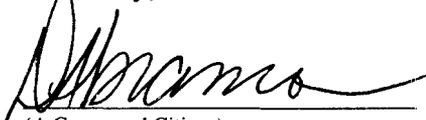
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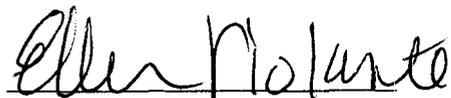
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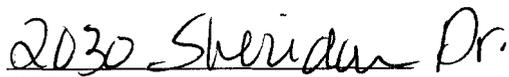
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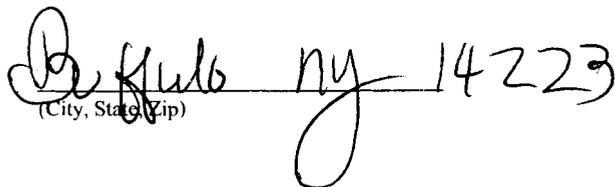
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S/MSGT RET. U.S.A.F.

ROBERT W BROECKER
3133 LEWISTON RD
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y
17305

TO B. R. A. C
AND AFFILIATES

FROM: CHRISTOPHER
KOLIPINSKI,
617 ELMWOOD AVE
NIAGARA FALLS NY
14301

Sire,
I recently received a
voice message of confirmation
from Buffalo Bill veteran
Jim Kelly requesting personal
support Monday June 27, 2005
at the University of Buffalo
for related our Zone Book
of Niagara Falls N.Y. agenda
and related information
and personal support.
Unfortunately I was unable
to attend. My deepest
apologies to all in attendance
attendance.

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as a proud supporter and advocate, my sincere regrets and am going to continue my proud support to keep and maintain this base from closing. If I can I'd like to attend the next venue. as a proud citizen of Niagara Falls USA I find ~~it~~ a vested interest in our ~~the~~ U.S. military, air force, marines, National Guard, and Guard Reserves. as well as all Reserve Branches of the military. My Dad served in Korea and deserves to be ~~recognized~~ recognized as one "not to be forgotten". His tour of duty has long been over and is alive and well in Wilson NY. If his army Records can be found I could use a copy for personal consumption.

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According to BRACK Rules + Regulations, is should be declassified of information by now. He was a Radio communications specialist and received several service medals and received an Honorable Discharge.

my Dads name is Eugene J Kolupinski. I'm his son Christopher. I'm 45 years of age I wish I could be of some service to the Rainbow Army in Niagara Falls NY. I live one minute away.
(NO APC Required)

any and all information forwarded will be kept confidential. If I need clearance I'll get it from my Dad.

I'll keep supporting the
non closing of the Niagara
Falls Air Base as well
as the Rainbow Army
main St Niagara Falls USA.

Thanks for your
support, you have
my full support
and the non
closing of these
2 installations.

Sincerely Christopher
Kolpinshi

617 Edmwood Ave
Niagara Falls NY
14301

"First to Fight"
"Last to Die"
on a Civilian
Level Status.

WALTER E. STEVENSON JR.
6819 Grauer Road
Niagara Falls, New York 14305 USA
716-297-1816

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7-28-05

DEAR CHAIRMAN,

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED FORMS.

I TRULY HOPE YOU READ THESE, AS I
WAS STATIONED AT 4621ST ABG 65 to 68' ALSO
355TH CES TAKHLI THAILAND. 68-69. I HAVE
AGENT ORANGE, CANCER, PTSD ETC, ETC. ETC.

CHRIS KOWPINSKI, COULD BE A PRODUCT OF
WAR ALSO, AS HIS FATHER WAS IN KOREA, &
VIETNAM, AND MAY HAVE PASSED THIS TO
CHRIS WHO, HAS ~~BE~~ BI-POLAR, CANCER, PTSD,
ETC., AND HE IS BEING TREATED IN THE
CIVILIAN WORLD. DRUGS, ASSISTED LIVING ETC.

HE AND I, I BELIEVE OUR BOTH
PRODUCTS OF WAR.

HE AND I LOVE OUR COUNTRY, AND
IF CHRIS COULD HAVE SERVED, HE WOULD BE
THE BEST. PLEASE KEEP OUR BASE OPEN.

PLEASE HELP TO FUND VA MORE
P.S. POST BOX 313, LIFE MEM. "CHAPTER 77 VVA" THANK YOU AF138493
Walter Stevenson



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of America**

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May 20, 2005

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Mr. Chris Kolipinski
617 Elmwood Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14301-1061

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Dear Mr. Kolipinski:

The best way to express our gratitude for your gift is to welcome you to our family. A family is made of people who care about each other and who help out when times are tough. PVA's members did their share when America needed them -- now you are doing your share when they need you.

Your gift helps us build new lives by allowing PVA to provide benefits counseling, protect the rights of paralyzed veterans, sponsor wheelchair sports programs, and fund research to find a cure for paralysis.

So welcome to the PVA family! I hope you find the small free gift I've enclosed useful. Thanks again.

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Sincerely,

Delatorro L. McNeal
Executive Director

July 30, 05

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Dear Brig. Gen. ^{Receives} ~~Smith~~
E. Turner

I am writing to
you about the
the threat of
about what to intercept the
traffic coming to U.S.
& the joint in the
on 9/11.

As a matter of
of state children
1. Mitchell is a graduate
of the U.S. Naval Academy
It seems to me it
would do more harm than
good closing the
the material from
during war. All need

2.

To have a feeling of
security with the
10th and Fighter Wing
patrolling the mid-east
coast

Thank you

Clara Ewing

19-2

Campel Hill W. Va.

Plymouth Mass 01960