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August 3, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St. Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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