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August 10, 2005

Hon. Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Chairman Principi:

This letter requests your immediate assistance in correcting the military value score and ranking assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing -- located at Pittsburgh International Airport -- by the Department of Defense (DOD) in its May 13, 2005 recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC Commission).

In its May 13 submission, DOD cited land constraints that prevented hosting more than 10 C-130 aircraft as its reason for recommending closure of the 911th Airlift Wing. **This information is incorrect.** DOD excluded from its analysis the 21.7 acres of ramp that has been in use by the 911th since 1992 and is covered by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the 911th and the Allegheny County Airport Authority, Pittsburgh International Airport's owner. Indeed a further 31 acres has been available since 1993. Exclusion of the MOA ramp alone cost the 911th **2.98** points towards its overall score. Other certified factors previously presented increase the score even further. Recalculation of the score for the 911th clearly shows this location as one of our nation's most valuable C-130 bases (see attached chart).

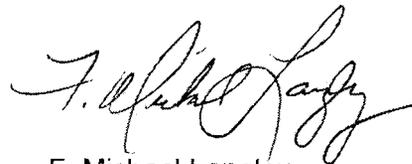
We have proven the DOD information is in error. We have done this via submission of certified data regarding the MOA ramp to the BRAC Commission. Additionally, we have demonstrated the availability of land directly to Commission Member Gen. Lloyd Newton (Ret.) during his June 21 site visit, and have testified under oath to the land's availability at the BRAC Commission's July 7 Hearing on Pennsylvania facilities held in Washington, D.C.

We believe it is time to correct the record on the 911th. We respectfully request that you formally change the 911th's military value score. Thank you in advance for correcting this factual error.

Sincerely,



Dan Onalato
Chief Executive, Allegheny County
Pit-BRAC Co Chair



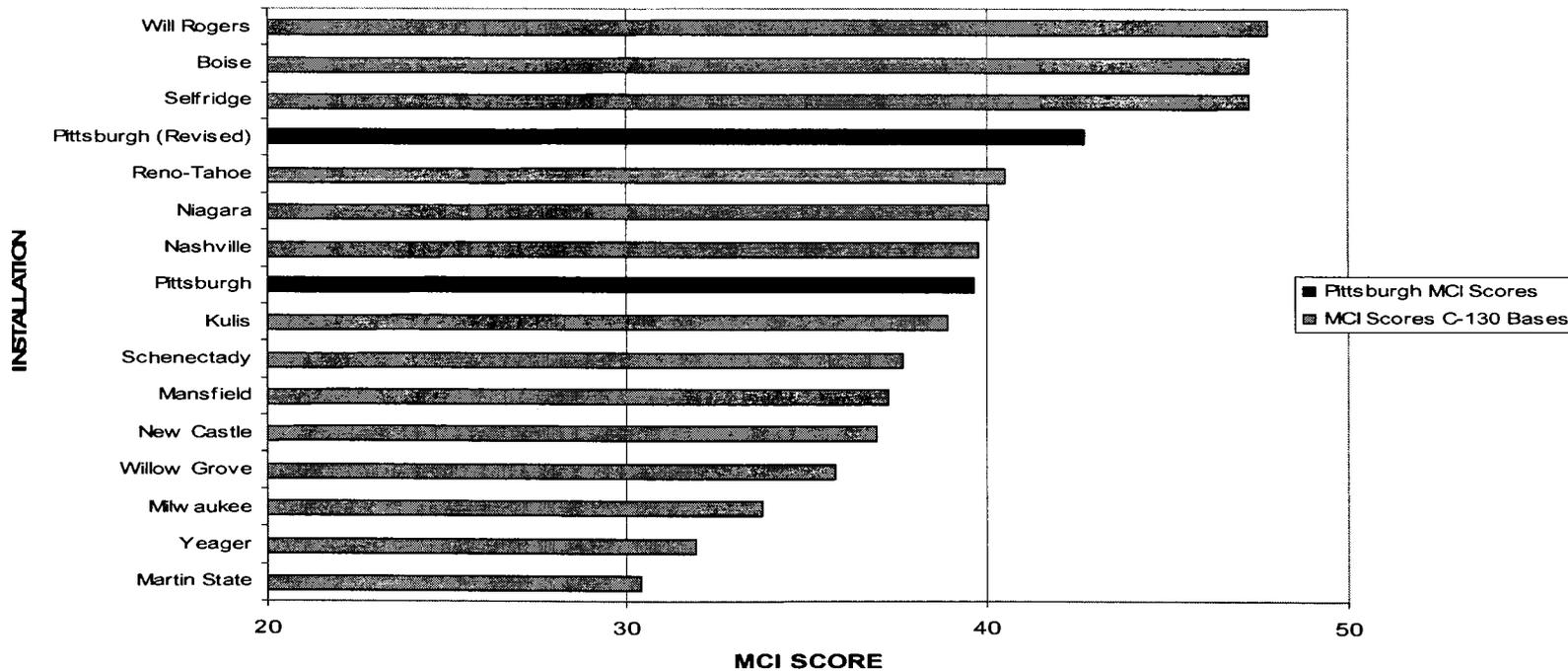
F. Michael Langley
CEO, Allegheny Conference on
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Pit-BRAC Co Chair

(Attachment)

I. CORRECTED 911TH AIRLIFT WING SCORE

Criteria 2 & 3: Condition of Infrastructure
And Contingency Mobilization Future Forces

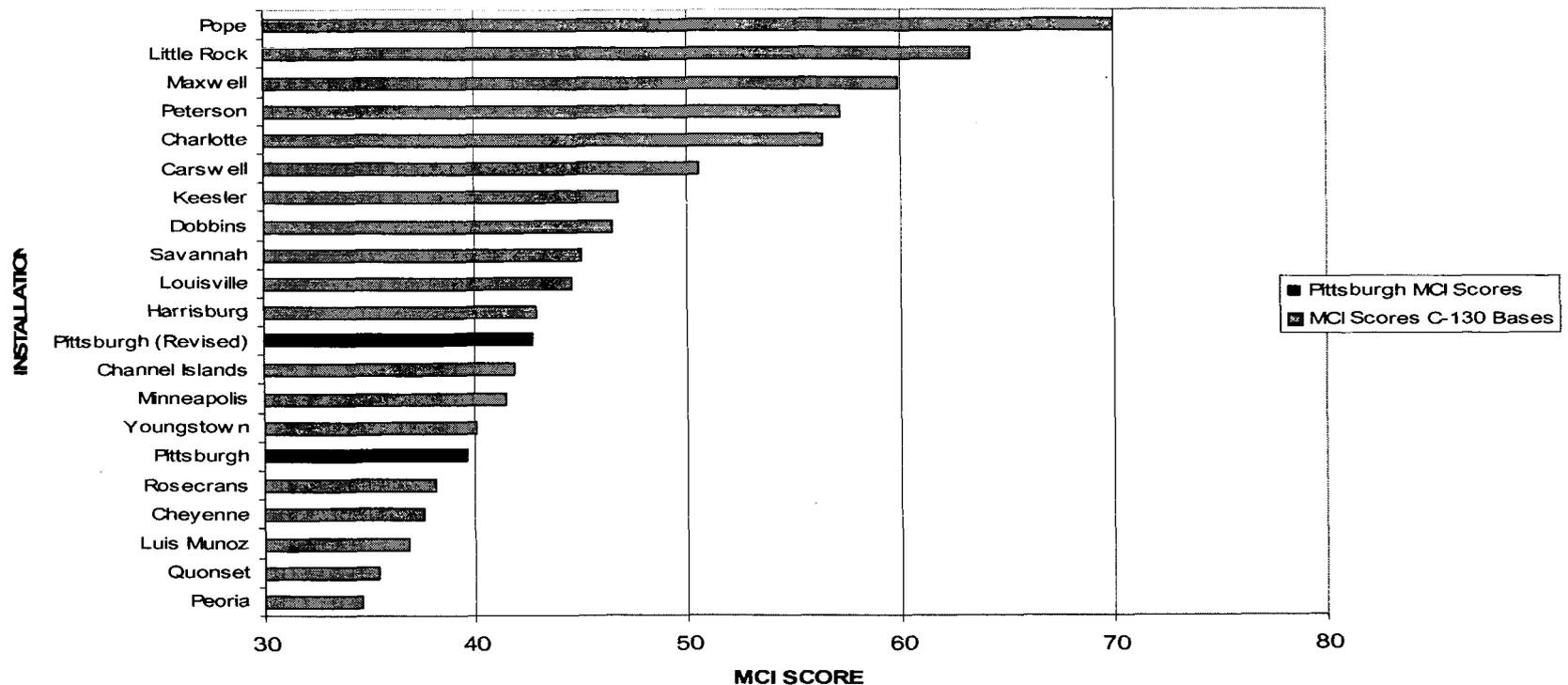
COMPARISON OF PITTSBURGH MCI SCORES WITH
C-130 CLOSING OR REALIGNING BASES



II. CORRECTED 911TH AIRLIFT WING SCORE

Criteria 2 & 3: Condition of Infrastructure And Contingency Mobilization Future Forces

COMPARISON OF PITTSBURGH MCI SCORES WITH
C-130 GAINING OR UNAFFECTED BASES



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