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Dear BRAC Commissioner ,

Don't close the Willow Grove Base .Here
some reasons why. I like the planes and the
A-10s go over ,thats fun. The airshows are so
much fun,like the AIRFEST 2005. Who ever
wants to see a airliner,I don't. I like C-130
and the DC-10.

From,

jj paskill

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August 12, 2005

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

Dear Chairman Principi,

As a U. S. Navy veteran of World War 11, I have dedicated many years to issues affecting active and retired military personnel. Also, to the education of today's youth to the importance and history of Naval, Marine, Army and Reserve Air Force personnel.

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There are about 48,000 military families living within a 30 mile radius of the Willow Grove Base, this was based on an impact study which determined the need for the new Lodge. What has not been completed with the rest of the authorized funds, due to the proposal to close the **only active military air field in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, is the rest of the construction that was slated to start. Namely, a 20,000 square foot commissary that would help these 48,000 military families in a year with discounts on meat, milk, cereals, medical healthcare products and other dairy staples. This would help active as well as retired military personnel to stretch their ever shrinking pay or retirement checks.

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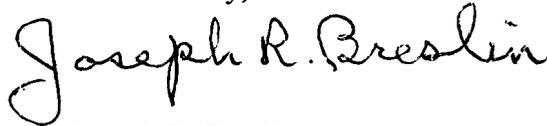
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not strengthen our Homeland Defense efforts, National Security nor enhance our ability to win a war on terror.

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Thank you for visiting NAS/JRB, Willow Grove, Pa. and realizing that the base is a **JOINT RESERVE AIR BASE** and critical to our National Security.

Sincerely,

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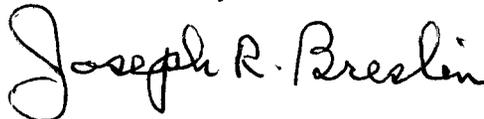
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Why the DOD or Pentagon did not evaluate the Willow Grove Base as a Joint Operation is beyond my comprehension. I can only assume it to be deliberate on their part since the BRAC Commission Chairman was not aware it was a joint operation when he visited the base. The base is a **JOINT RESERVE AIR BASE** and critical to our National Security.

Thank you for any consideration you can give to keep NAS/JRB Willow Grove, Pa. open and operational.

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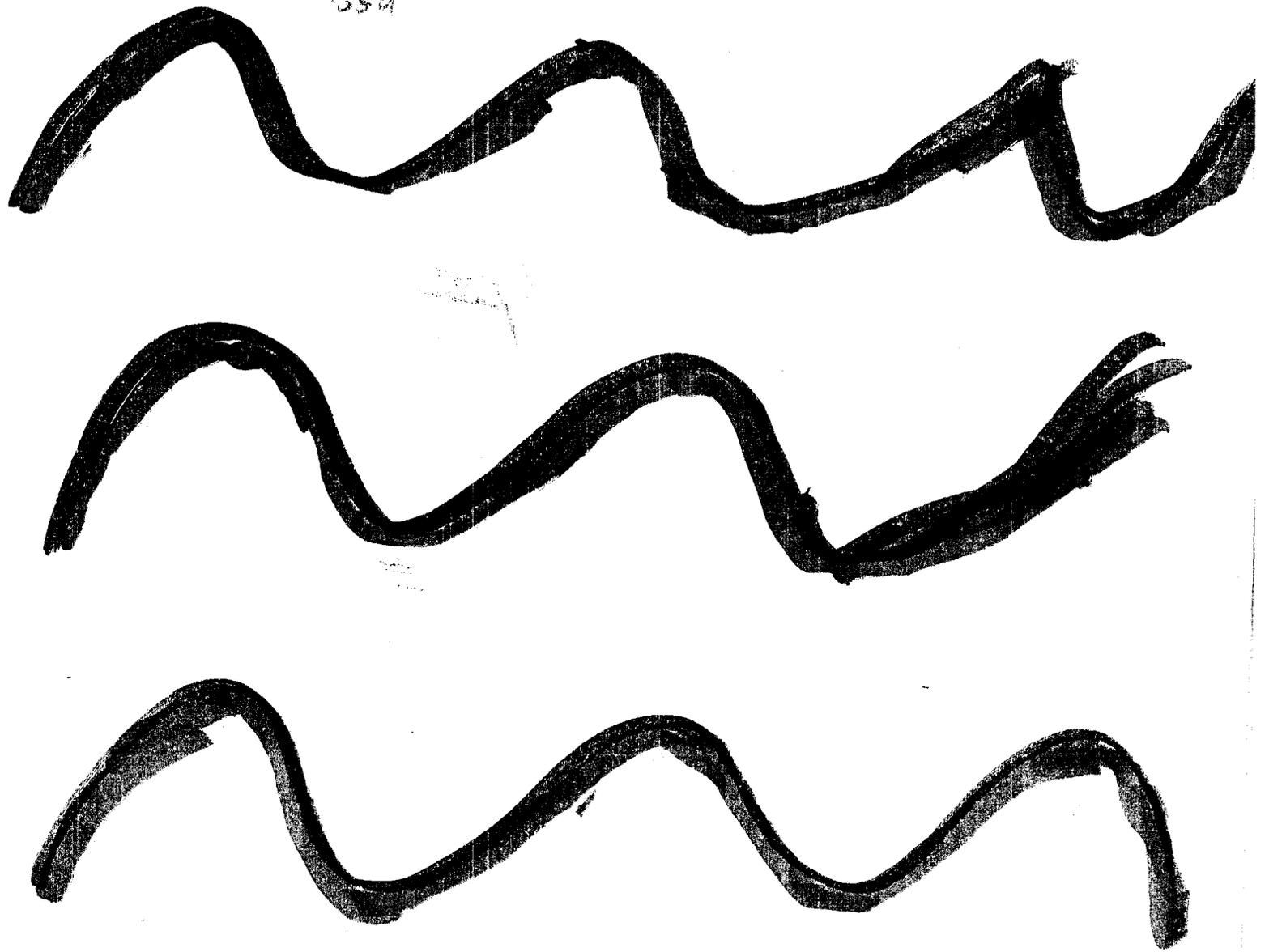
Joseph R. Breslin

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 airplanes and the helicopter. Thank you for the
 stickers and the pencils. It was a good tour.
 I like seeing the helicopters.

Sincerely,
 Marissa



August 11, 2005

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Dear Seneator,

I hope Willow Grove Air Base

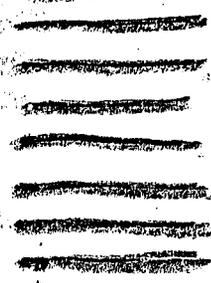
doesn't shut down. If you shut down

a lot of people will be very sad. I

will be very sad.

too. You would take away some of the

navy peoples' homes.



PLEASE DON'T

SHUT IT

DOWN!



Sincerely,
Carly

I'm writing with my Willow Grove

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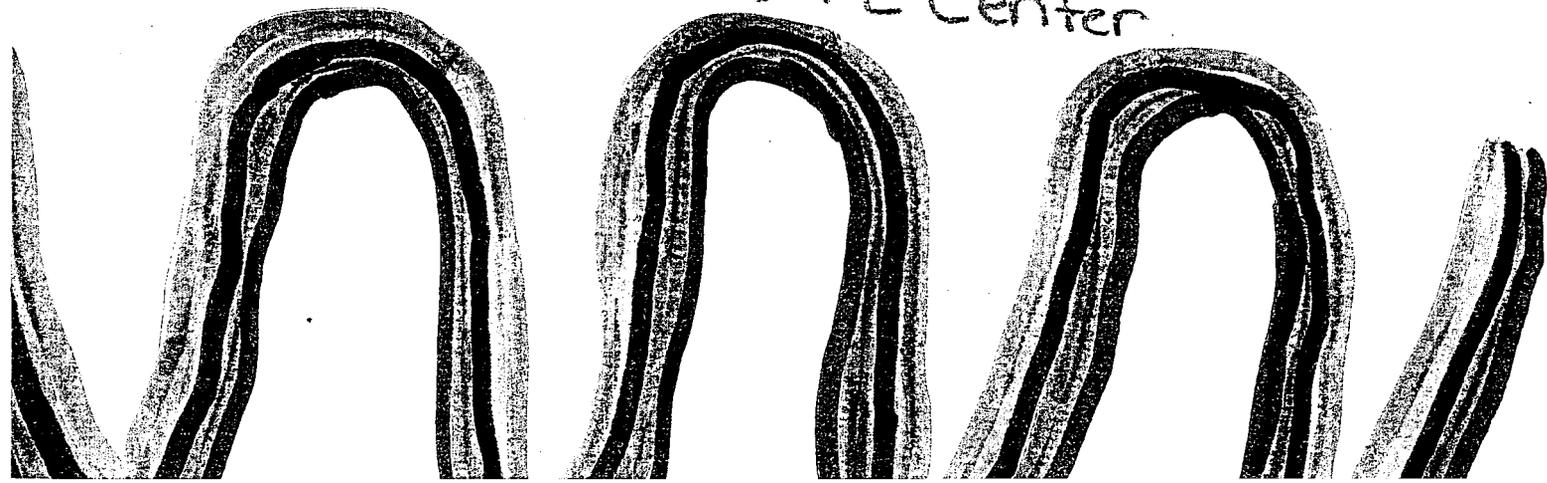
Dear Senator,

I went on a trip to the Willow Grove Air Force Base, and it is fun. I like all the planes, and the people that work there. You really shouldn't use the Willow Grove Air Force Base. We went inside some planes. My class and I liked the tour.

Sincerely,

Haley

From Oxford Child Care Center



AUG 15 2005

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Dear Senator,

went on a trip on the 11th to the
Hlow Grove Air Force Base. It was
amazing because we got to go in the
planes that didn't work anymore. We
even went on a real working cargo
plane. We went on the actual base and
saw many happy military men and
women working. The base was cool, and
I would like to see it again. Please keep
the base open so that one day I may
be able to return, and that the people
can keep their jobs.

Sincerely,

Stacy

From Oxford Child Care Center

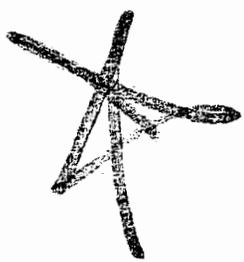
Dear Senator, * * * * *

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AUG 15 2005
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I don't think you should shut down the Willow Grove Air Base because of many reasons. For instance, if there was a terrorist attack, people that live near the base could be protected. Also, I went to the Willow Grove Air Base recently for a tour. They have interesting sights and memorable objects. Their airplane show is amazing. Also! The Willow Grove Air Base has wonderful helicopters and airplanes too! The Willow Grove Air Base is a great air base that you should not shut down.



Sincerely,
Alexis Borschell
From Oxford Child Care
Center



Dear Senator,

8/11/05

BRAC Commission

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I hope you change your mind on closing Willow Grove Airforce Base. This base is nice. I learned a lot from my recent trip. I believe this base has enough potential stay open and continue doing an amazing job. Please consider my letter and keep the base open.

Sincerely,
Joey



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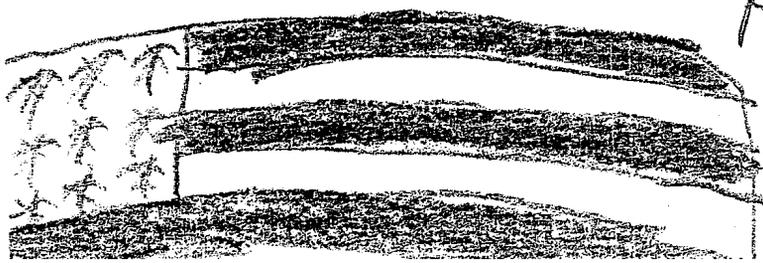
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Dear Senator,

I don't want the Willow Grove Air Base to be shutdown because I can learn a lot about the Army. I would like to be in the Army on day. I want to be like them - after many soldiers have risked their lives for our country. I just ask that you take the time to think about it carefully.

S. I writeing
with a Willow
Grove pencil
I got.

Sincerely,
Emily T.
of Bensalem
P.A.



Dear Senator,

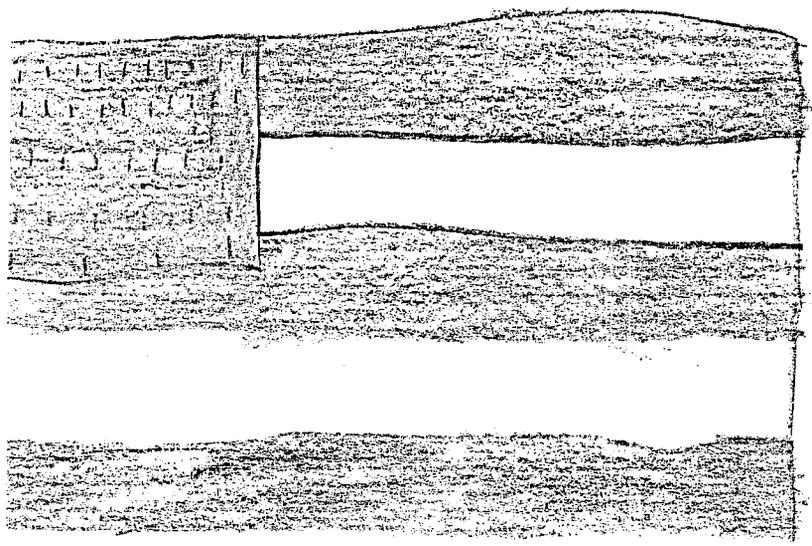
August 2000

I hope you will change your mind
 out shutting down the Willow Grove
 Air Force Base. When I go past it, when
 I am with my grandpa, the planes are
 really cool, I went on a trip recently
 to my day camp. We saw a lot of
 interesting things inside, and we got
 to go inside some of the planes. It is
 a very important part of history. So
 please don't close the base.

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PLEASE!

Sincerely,
 Steven Ferrigno
 of Oxford Child
 Care



Dear Senator,

August 11, 2005

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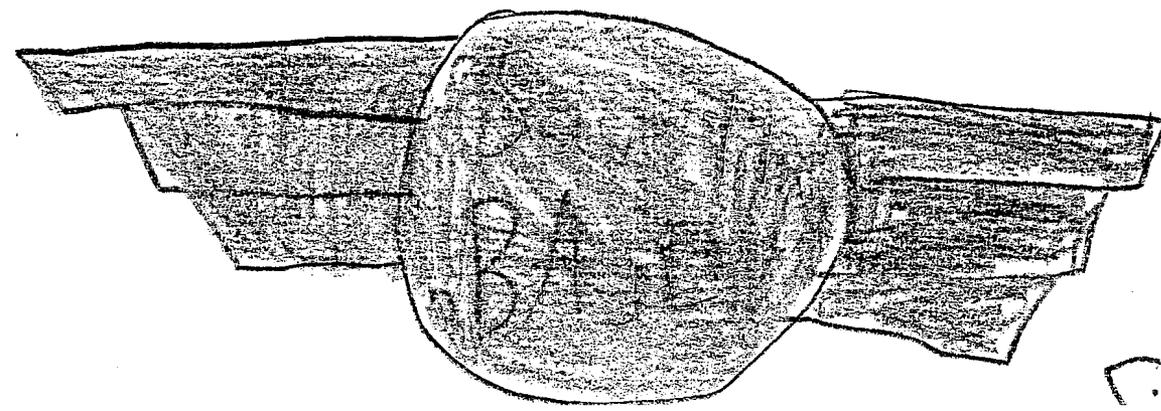
How are you doing at the time?

Please take your time of reading this letter.

The Base is a great place and so are the
the people working there. There are

cool sights like airplanes and Helicopters,

I ask you, PLEASE DON'T
LOSE THE BASE!



August 14, 2003

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Dear Senator

I had a great time at the Willow Grove Airbase. We

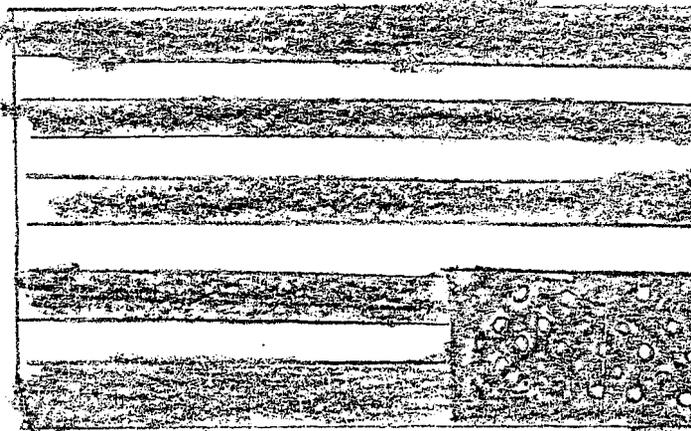
got to learn things like what an airforce base does, where things are located inside the airplane, and what the planes are used for. Then

two men from the Navy showed us around. PLEASE

KEEP THE BASE OPEN!

Sherry
Camacho

PO Box 111111



From Oxford Child
Care Center
Bridget L. Kovacs

Sincerely,

I am writing to you so that you would
save the Willow Grove Air base. I went there
recently on a trip and it was great. They told us a lot
of stuff like what the plane or helicopter was used for.
We even went inside some planes and helicopters.
There is a lot of history there. I saw
many happy military men and women.

ear Senators

BRAC (Commission)
8/11/03
Receiver

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8/11/05

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to save the
 Willow Grove Air Base. The
 Marines and Navy practice there
 and live there, too. Some of
 the families live there in a
 separate building and this
 base is like a home to them.
 If you close the base, where
 will the planes and people, who
 live and work there, go?

Thank you for what you
 are doing.

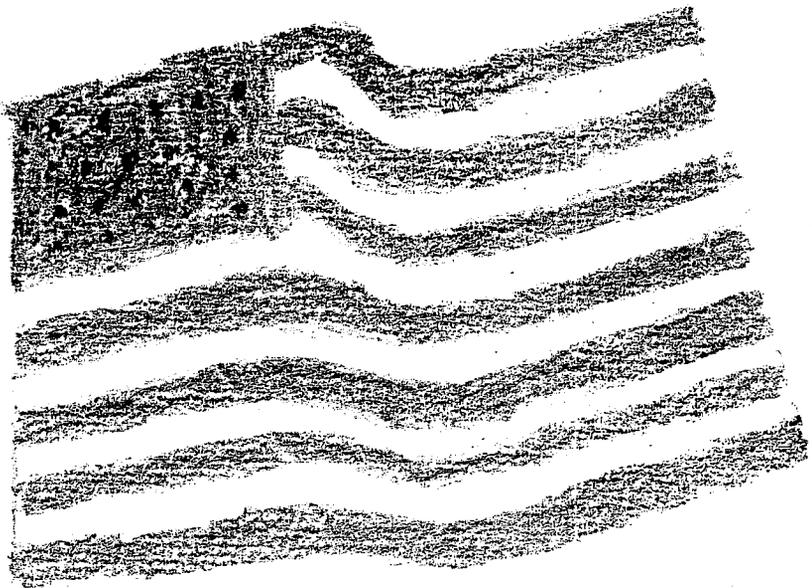
Dear Senator,

BRAC Commission

Before you decide to close ~~Wright~~ ^{Wright} ~~Field~~ ^{Field} ~~Army~~ ^{Army} ~~Reserve~~ ^{Reserve} Air Force Reserve, please take into consideration that this base has served America 70 years. It has supplied the American navy and air force with strong and confident pilots and mechanics. With their highly advanced radar they have intercepted and brought back many planes, and people safely.

It also is a very important part of our community, so if you close it, it'll be like erasing a part of Pennsylvania's history.

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THIS BASE!



Sincerely,
Nick from Oxford
and his mother

car sentor,

I hope you reconsider
shutting down the Willow
Grove Air Force base. I
went there on a trip and
saw lots of interesting and
fascinating things. Some of
the things were an F-18,
different choppers, and what
an actual cargo plane looks
like. It would be a real shame
to close down the base, because
I plan on visiting there, and it
possible chance to get. It was
an experience I will never forget.
That is why I think the
Willow Grove Air Force Base
shouldn't be closed down.

August 11, 2005

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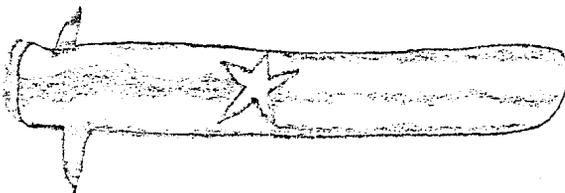
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Sincerely,

Rocky from Oxford
Child Care Center.

The American Way



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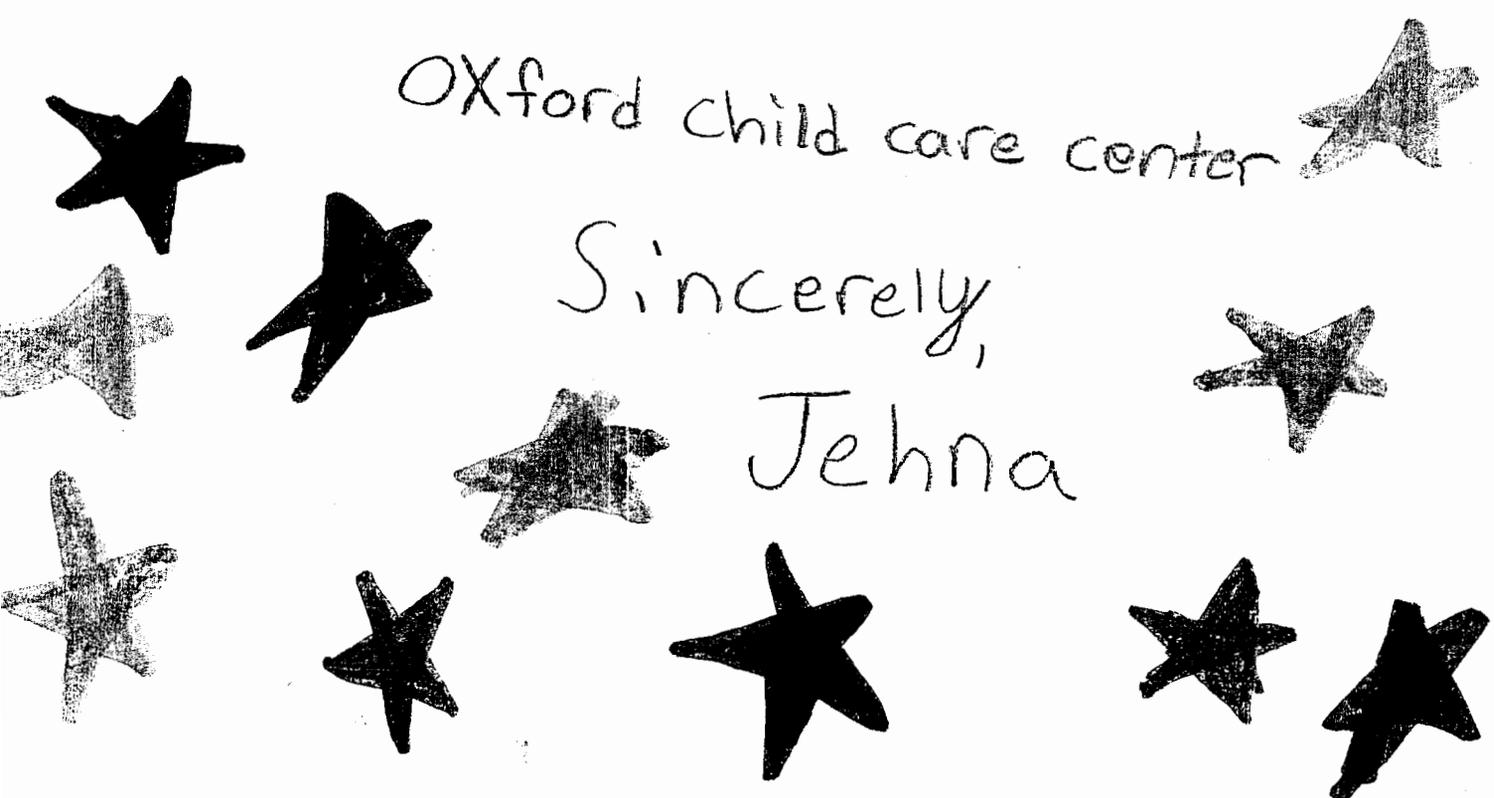
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Oxford child care center

Sincerely,
 Jehna



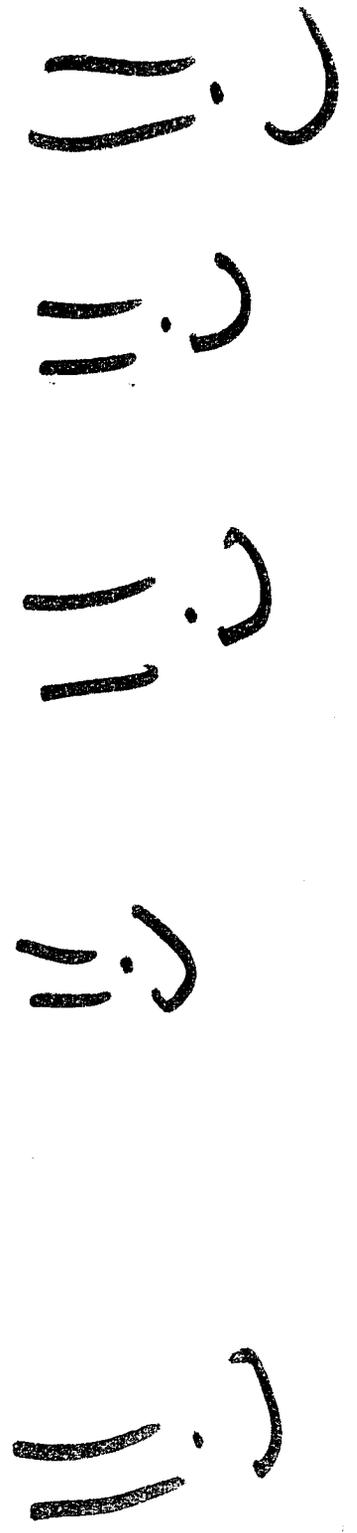
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I liked going in the helicopters and air planes.

It was very fun. Thank you for the stickers and pencils.
It was a great tour. I liked seeing the air planes.

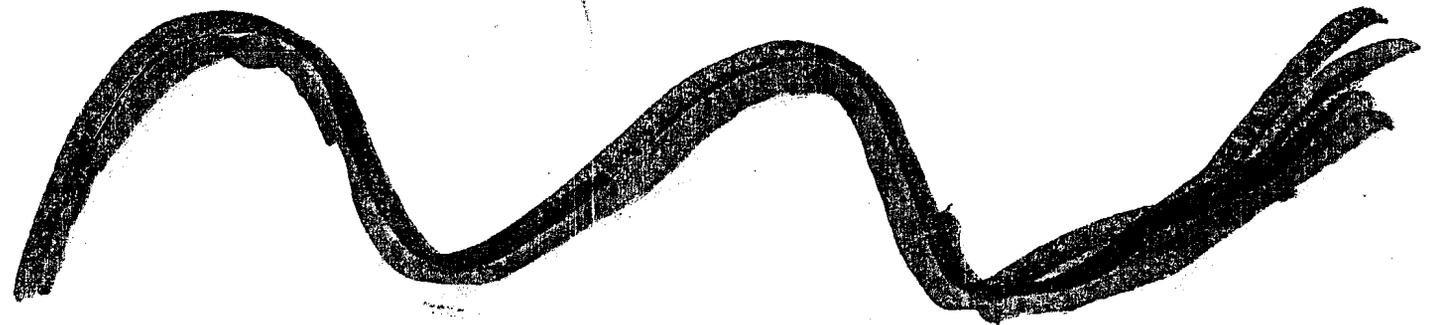
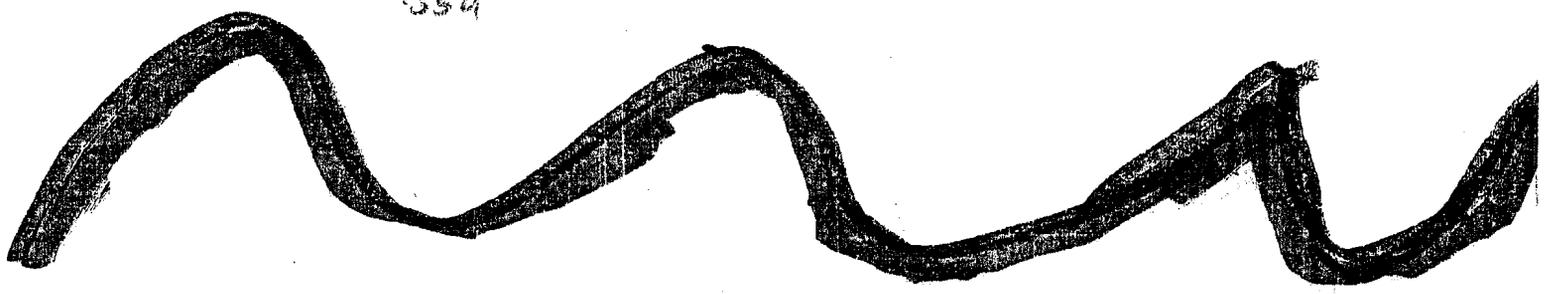
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Sincerely,
 Marissa



Dear Jennifer,

Aug. 11/05

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