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The Honorable Lloyd W. Newton  
Commissioner  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
Suite 600  
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Dear Commissioner Newton:

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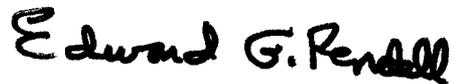
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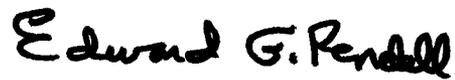
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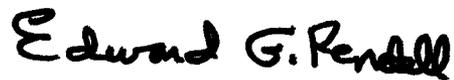
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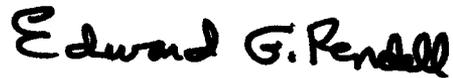
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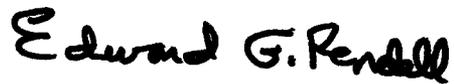
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