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This is a second letter (different from an earlier letter re: Love Star, TX.)

Please distribute today to :

- Chairman*
- Commissioners*
- Analysts mentioned*

Many thanks!

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25 August 2005

Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
2005 Base Realignment & Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Attached please find a letter from the Labette County Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) regarding the disposition of equipment at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant (KAAP) in Parsons, Kansas.

While we regret the vote to close KAAP, we are now looking to the future of the facility and county. It is the LRA's request, supported by us, that all equipment be transferred in place to the LRA immediately upon initiation of closure procedures. Such transfer language could be included under the BRAC's "final administrative details" section, or wherever you deem is appropriate to achieve the intended results. This transfer of equipment is vital to the local economy, and to the future of operations at KAAP. They, and we, would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. Many thanks for your support of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Hickey', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

James Hickey
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- FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE
DETAILS -

August 25, 2005

Chairman Anthony Principi
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Now that the BRAC process is winding down and you are voting on the final facilities under consideration in this 2005 BRAC round, we write to respectfully request once again that you include in your "Final Administrative Details" section a provision that will transfer all equipment and facilities currently located at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant (KSAAP) to the Labette County Local Redevelopment Authority immediately upon initiation of closure. This request is consistent with the community's presentation to BRAC and we still believe that it is vital to the future of the community, local economy and to the potential munitions manufacturing operations there that all related equipment be retained at this facility. The LRA respectfully requests that the BRAC include in its final deliberations, and in its September 8th report, such a provision ensuring the swift and complete transfer of this equipment. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mike McReynolds, Chairman
Labette County Task Force

cc:

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