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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: **PITTSBURGH, LAND & MORE**

July 10, 2005

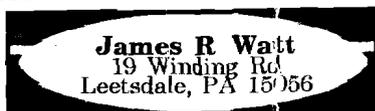
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The data used in analyzing this base's military value was flawed! Relocating these aircraft would not best serve our military defense posture, nor would it result in retaining the assigned, qualified personnel who have volunteered to serve. Additionally, more monies will have to spent at the gaining bases to support this. The 911<sup>th</sup> AW should not be closed! It should be considered for expansion as part of a Joint Readiness Regional Center -- combining the 99<sup>th</sup> RSC and Charles E. Kelly Support Facility.

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