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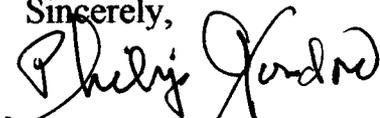
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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark St,
Suite 600
Arlington, Va. 22202

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge the BRAC to reverse the Pentagon plan to close Otis Air National Guard Base and split up the 102nd Fighter Wing.

Sincerely,



Philip Gordon

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June 17, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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RE: Resolution in Support of Otis Air National Guard Base

Dear BRAC Commission:

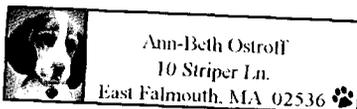
Enclosed is a resolution from the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sandwich, Massachusetts supporting the retention of the Otis Air National Guard (Otis ANG) Base operations at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). As explained in the resolution, Otis ANG Base is an integral and valued part of the Sandwich community and the entire Cape Cod region. Most importantly, the military missions it fulfills are of utmost importance to the safety and protection of the United States, in general, and the Northeast, in particular.

Otis ANG Base and F-15s from the 102nd Fighter Wing were the first military aircraft to reach the World Trade Center during the September 11, 2001 attacks. They regularly provide a myriad of military and homeland security functions, as well as vital support to the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod, one of the busiest installations in the country. Otis ANG Base is the host installation for all of the military and homeland security operations at the MMR, including U.S. Army Guard training at Camp Edwards and numerous Coast Guard operations. It is clear the loss of Otis would severely damage the shared infrastructure and resources currently found on the MMR.

The Sandwich Selectmen strongly urge the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove Otis ANG Base from the list of military installations being considered for closure and/or realignment. Simply put, Otis ANG Base is too important for our nation's security and homeland defense to be relocated.

Thank you for your consideration of this input. If you have any questions about the Town of Sandwich's support for retaining the Otis ANG at the MMR, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 888-5144.

Very truly yours,



George H. Dunham
Town Administrator

*I live on C.C
I feel you are
making a big
mistake. The air
on Cape Cod
is not good +
you are to attack
this is a political
choice + we do not
mean this*

cc: Board of Selectmen
Save Otis Coalition
Federal and State Legislative Delegation