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The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman, Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark St. Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3909

RE: Missed The Boat on Chapter X, Section 184 i
Technical #15

Dear Secretary Principi,

I am writing to request you review the vote of August 25, 2005, on the BRAC Chapter X, Section 184 i Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA.

With all respect, Sir, your panel Missed The Boat. If you look at the listing, we were NOT slated to move to China Lake. We're actually slated to move to Indian Head, Maryland. But unfortunately, even that is not a good move. The work we perform is for numerous programs is located here at the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA.

With that move, our Engineers will end up traveling three hours from Indian Head, MD, to Yorktown, VA. That doesn't make any sense to move employees three hours from where the work must be performed. Just think of the cost increase.

You have also missed the boat by ignoring the GAO and NAVSEA audits of 1989 and by ignoring The Honorable Jo Ann Davis' letter of 1 July 2005 in which she refers to those audits. The audits found that if the move took place, there would be a NEGATIVE Net Present Value of \$22,456,097 and recommended that the project should not proceed. Both GAO and NAVSEA studies suggest that costs are underestimated and savings are inflated by the proposed realignment actions. You are in receipt of these studies. (The Honorable Jo Ann Davis had forwarded them to you.)

Very Respectfully,

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