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BRAC Commission
2005 Defense Base Closure
and Realignment Commission
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I thank each member and chairman of
the BRAC Commission for your openness
and transparency in how you reached
your decisions.

I live in the town of Choteau, Montana
with a population of approximately 2710
people. We are about 57 miles northwest
of Great Falls. Our major work is raising
wheat, barley and Black Angus. Choteau
is situated on the east side of the Rocky
Mountains. It is not unusual to see
Grizzly bears, Black bears and Cougars in
the Rocky Mountain front.

I describe this area because it is magnificent!
We still appreciate openness and integrity ...
the same openness and integrity with which
you reached your decisions. A few minutes ago
I saw on C-Span your Friday night news
conference after your deliberations. I send
each of you my thanks for the difficult work
you have done. I also thank you for
continuing in the American spirit in
protecting our country and focusing on
maintaining our capacity to defend our
country with a strong and effective military!

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