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General Lloyd Newton, Ret.
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
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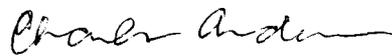
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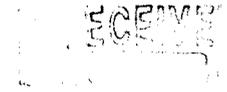
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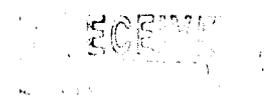
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