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Dear BRAC Chairman & all
Commissioners.

Please keep the 80th
NATL Guard, Lees, Co. Va.
flying and please reward
this fine unit with
such excellent proficiency
ratings; retention rates
& maintenance performance.

Please reward them
for all their achievements
rather than letting the
 Pentagon send such a
negative message to all
the Armed Forces; i.e.
the better you do, the
less we appreciate
you.

Sincerely,
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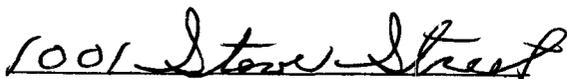
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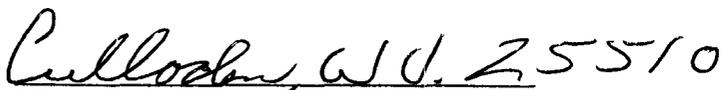
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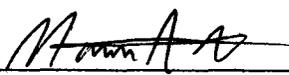
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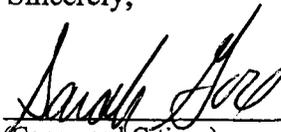
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