

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 1, 2005

Secretary Anthony Principi
Chairman, Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Chairman,

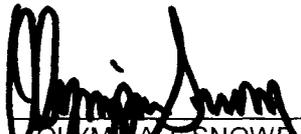
As you continue your evaluation of recommendations made by the Department of Defense concerning base closures and realignments, we respectfully submit the enclosed advanced copy of the hearing book on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Limestone Field Site, prepared for the Commission's July 6 regional hearing in Boston.

Therein you will find the testimony that will be offered by our delegation, accompanied by supporting visuals and background information. These materials were developed as part of a collaborative effort among the Maine congressional delegation, the office of Maine Governor John Baldacci, and the GROW Limestone Task Force.

We hope you find the book to be a helpful resource in your independent evaluation of DFAS Limestone and look forward to presenting our case to you personally in Boston.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you or your staff have any questions pertaining to Limestone or the materials hereby submitted.

Sincerely,


OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator


SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator


THOMAS H. ALLEN
United States Representative


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United States Representative

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