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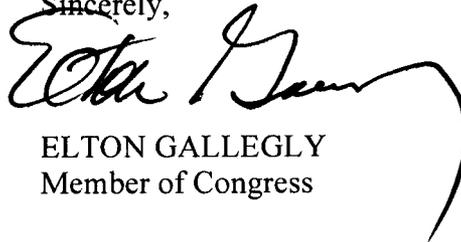
Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

It was a pleasure to see you last week. Thank you for your attention to the Naval Base Ventura County and its importance to the overall mission of the Navy and the United States Armed Forces in general. It has come to my attention that a letter I sent to you dated July 1, 2005, expressing concerns about Department of Defense recommendations for Naval Base Ventura County may have led to a misunderstanding.

I now see that the final paragraph in the aforementioned letter could be read to say that Admiral Massenburg contacted me after the BRAC recommendations were released. In fact, the Admiral contacted me late last year at my request and prior to the release of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. I sincerely appreciate Admiral Massenburg's support of Naval Base Ventura County and his service to the country.

Thank you for your attention and I apologize for any misunderstanding.

Sincerely,



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