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*The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchinson
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Dear Senator Hutchinson,

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2006, regarding the Commission's intent for the future of Red River Army Depot (RRAD), and specifically regarding the potential of the Depot being designated as a Strategic Distribution Platform or SDP. Although the Commission cannot alter its Report's now legally binding direction, specifically in "Commission Recommendation" #7 (p. 15) and #177 (p.279), I offer my observations for your consideration and continued dialogue with the Department of Defense

As you know, the Commission rejected the closure of RRAD as well as the relocation of Red River's Defense Distribution Depot (DDD) storage and distribution functions to DDD, Oklahoma City, OK. The Commission also fully supported the Secretary's recommendation to designate four distinct SDPs at the DDDs in Susquehanna, Warner Robbins, San Joaquin and Oklahoma City.

The Secretary's analysis in designating the four SDPs was deemed comprehensive and supportable by the Commission. However, given future workload expectations and the availability of the highly regarded Red River Distribution Depot, our Report does not preclude the Secretary from establishing additional SDPs or designating RRAD as a component of the newly designated Oklahoma City SDP.

Obviously there are other considerations and determinations necessary in the best interest of upholding "Military Value." I suggest those issues might best be addressed to the Defense Logistics Agency. I am confident that you and the Department of Defense will develop a mutually beneficial solution.

Sincerely,

*Anthony J. Principi
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The Honorable Anthony Principi
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Per our conversation on March 16, 2006, I am writing to express my concern over the conflicting recommendations regarding the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's written decision to designate the Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City (DDOO) as the Strategic Distribution Platform (SDP) for the Central Region.

I believe designating the DDOO as the SDP was an error. In fact, the Department of Defense (DOD) actually ranked the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) higher in military value than the DDOO, and it originally was scheduled to be designated the SDP. When Red River Army Depot was recommended for closure, the designation of Oklahoma City was made based on that closure.

It is my understanding from our conversation at the BRAC Commission meeting that the decision on which depot to designate as the SDP for the Central Region was to be left an internal matter for DOD to decide. Despite the overwhelming data in support of DDRT, and the Commission's intent to allow DOD to make internal decisions on the designation of a future site for the SDP, the Commission's final report mistakenly appears to designate the DDOO as the Central Region SDP.

I am requesting the Commission clarify its intent regarding the designation of a site for the SDP for the Central Region. Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Kay Bailey Hutchison