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July 22, 2005

Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) – Rome Research Site (RRS)

Dear Chairman Principi:

The Central Upstate Regional Alliance is a 12-county, 37-member public/private economic development consortium formed in the fall of 2004 to promote communication and cooperation on issues affecting the Central Upstate New York regional economy. The Alliance represents a broad cross-section of decision-makers from the region including leading business executives, top academic administrators and key economic development officials.

The AFRL Rome site is a great economic asset to our region and provides high military value at relatively low cost to the country. The Technical Joint Cross Servicing Group's (TJCSG) quantitative ranking of Rome Research Site's military value in the field of information technology (IF) was the highest for any facility in the nation. The millions in capital cost and annual operating cost savings achieved through the Rome Partnership Model have made RRS one of the most cost-effective installations in America.

As such, the Alliance is greatly concerned by the DoD's recommendation to relocate the Rome Sensors (SN) function to Wright Patterson AFB and with the recommendation to realign WPAFB Information Technology research functions to Hanscom AFB. The rationale for these two recommendations is inconsistent.

The Alliance believes that BRAC 2005 objectives are more effectively met by one of the following alternative recommendations:

- Maintain the status quo and keep Rome SN at Rome and WPAFB IF at Wright Patterson AFB or;
- Redirect the recommended WPAFB IF move to Hanscom AFB for co-location with the Rome IF headquarters since this move adheres to the basic organization and focus area framework established by the TJCSG.

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The Alliance requests that the Commission base its considerations and decisions on these options rather than the DoD recommendations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Zawadzki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John A. Zawadzki  
Chairman, Central Upstate Regional Alliance

cc: S. DiMeo

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July 25, 2005

Mr. Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Re: Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) – Rome Research Site (RRS)

Dear Chairman Principi:

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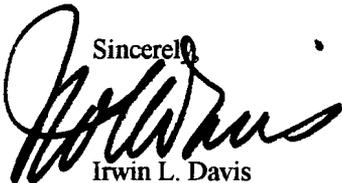
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