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ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
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ON INTELLIGENCE

BRAC Commission

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi,

I first want to thank you, the other commissioners, and your staff, for your willingness to participate in this year's base closure and realignment process, as well as your past service to our nation.

As you know, Dyess Air Force Base, located in Abilene, Texas, could potentially gain personnel during the 2005 base realignment and closure round. The City of Abilene and Dyess have always worked in close partnership to support and improve the base and promote national security. The citizens in the area have also shown strong support for the base and the men and women who serve there. In addition, the Texas State Legislature has created a variety of incentives for communities that are home to military installations.

For all of these reasons, Dyess, and Abilene, are well equipped to accommodate increases in personnel and mission. I believe these increases will be good not only for the base, but Abilene, Texas, and our Armed Forces, as well.

Again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac Thornberry", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mac Thornberry
Member of Congress

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