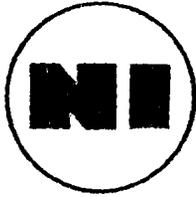


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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We want to thank you for allowing us to meet on July 14, 2005 in Los Angeles and provide you our perspective on the importance of the Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant and why it should not be realigned to Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL. Although the facility is smaller compared to others that gave testimony, its military significance is vital to the overall defense of this nation. The Department of Defense, as we highlighted during our testimony, has acknowledged and confirmed the importance of the technology. Riverbank is the only manufacturer of large caliber, deep drawn steel cartridge cases for the Army and Navy.

What remains in question is the cost of the move and whether the facility could be reestablished easily at Rock Island Arsenal. Based on the financial data provided by the Department of Defense, and based on vendor responses, DoD's payback calculations fall short of the required relocation and reestablishment costs. Further, these calculations do not take into account the unique technical skills needed to produce deep drawn large caliber cartridge cases, which does not reside at Rock Island Arsenal.

On July 20, 2005 a supplemental document was sent by the City of Riverbank to the Commission showing the significant economic impact of the base closure to the City and its detrimental effect on the City's already high unemployment rate.

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
August 1, 2005
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We greatly appreciate your time and the Commission's commitment to reach an equitable conclusion.

Again, we would like to invite you to visit Riverbank, tour the facility to see first hand the magnitude of the operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Mawistaki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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