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George W. Bush
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Dear Mr. President:

The need for an additional change to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Report has been brought to my attention. A motion to amend a recommendation of the Secretary of Defense was voted down but is reflected in the Report as having passed. As a result of the motion failing and in the absence of the Commission determining that the Secretary deviated substantially from the force-structure plan and final selection criteria as required by Section 2903(d)(2)(B) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, the Secretary's recommendation is approved.

Three changes in the Report, described below, are required to correct this error.

- Page 170. Delete "Commission Recommendations" and the text that follows.
- Page Q-58, Appendix Q. Replace subparagraph a. with the Secretary's recommendation: "Realign Fairchild Air Force Base, WA. The 141st Air Refueling Wing (ANG) will associate with the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base, and the 141st Air Refueling Wing's eight KC-135R aircraft are distributed to the 185th Air Refueling Wing (ANG), Sioux Gateway Airport Air Guard Station, IA. The 256th Combat Communications Squadron and 242nd Combat Communications Squadron, which are ANG geographically separated units at Four Lakes and Spokane, are relocated into available facilities at Fairchild Air Force Base."
- Pages Q-58 and 59, Appendix Q. Delete footnote 160.

The effect of these changes is limited with results that conform to and reflect the Commission's overall purpose and plan. The Secretary's recommendation largely provides for the distribution of aircraft as the Commission envisioned. I am confident that the realignment of Fairchild Air Force Base directed by the Secretary will be accomplished consistent with the overall KC-135 aircraft laydown plan developed by the Commission.

Respectfully yours,

Anthony J. Principi
Chairman

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