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October 3, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street #600
Alexandria, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the City of Jacksonville, I would like to thank you again for the many courtesies extended to our delegation during the BRAC process in August. It was our pleasure to host you during visits to the base by staff and Commissioners and we appreciate the opportunity to make the case for Cecil Field during BRAC deliberations.

Over the past few weeks, our City of Jacksonville staff has performed an exhaustive review of residences located within AICUZ boundaries for both Cecil Field and OLF Whitehouse. This review consisted of examining maps, identifying documents produced and reviewed by the City's Planning department and a series of site surveys. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a precise count of residential structures located within the AICUZ boundaries at Cecil Field and OLF Whitehouse, including APZ-1 and APZ-2. Many of these existed while the base was in operation prior to 1999.

Residential Units

	<u>AICUZ</u>	<u>Clear Zone</u>	<u>APZ-1</u>	<u>APZ-2</u>
OLF Whitehouse	2661	0	22	564
Cecil Field	1862	0	46	262

I wanted to provide these numbers in the interest of being as precise as possible.



I also want to clarify the acreage we have available for conveyance back to the Department of the Navy. We stated previously that acreage the Navy formerly occupied at Cecil Field was 17,686 acres. Inadvertently left off were two parcels which would not be available for conveyance. The first parcel, comprising 247 acres, was retained by the Department of the Navy for military housing. A second parcel, comprising 214 acres north of I-10, is former Department of the Navy property declared surplus and conveyed to the City of Jacksonville before the closure of Cecil Field in 1999. It has since been converted to a City park. Therefore, 17,225 acres of former Naval Air Station Cecil Field is available for conveyance to the Department of the Navy.

We look forward to the work to be done over the coming months in Jacksonville and in Virginia so that, should the Department of Defense's Inspector General determine it, the City of Jacksonville can return aviation assets to the Department of the Navy that it needs to re-establish a master jet base at Cecil Field.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide further clarifications.

Sincerely,

John Peyton
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Jeb Bush
The Honorable Mel Martinez
The Honorable Bill Nelson
The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
The Honorable Cliff Stearns