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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, in my letter of May 25, I requested that the cancelled BRAC hearing in Dallas be rescheduled. I have now been informed that the July 11 BRAC hearing in San Antonio will allow more participation from elected officials and that the hearing will be four hours long to compensate for the cancellation of the Dallas hearing. Local officials in Texarkana also believe that this gives them more time to build their case. Whether Texas has one or two BRAC hearings, I am working with our Texas Senators and local citizens in the Texarkana area to build the strongest possible case for Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant.

I have also learned that on July 11 we will be accompanied by the two Arkansas Senators, thanks to Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn. I am supportive of their leadership and, with the information I now have and did not have when I complained about the cancellation of the Dallas meeting, I will comply with the wishes of those I represent and those who are helping.

I withdraw my request for the rescheduling of the Dallas hearing, and thank Senator Hutchison for selecting a meeting that is best for our goal, including testimony from four Senators – not just two – and other advantages spawned by the change. If additional hearings in Dallas or Texarkana are needed, I reserve the right to request them.

With best regards I am

Sincerely,



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