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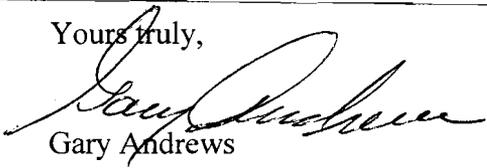
Subject: BRAC 2005 – Request for Closure
Belton Training Annex, Missouri

Commissioners;

As an adjoining neighbor to the Belton Training Annex in the state of Missouri, I believe that facility should be closed for the following reasons:

- Inefficient Use (The facility is only used approximately 1 % of the time)
- Unnecessary Burden on Adjoining Neighbors (The 930 ft easement around the perimeter of the facility is unreasonably large considering its light use and that of a passive nature. The easement involves 285 acres of private properties while the facility itself is only 184 acres.)
- Environmentally Unfriendly (The large wildlife population of deer, turkey and numerous other species as well as the native vegetation that are still present there will be totally displaced by the current plan for the area)
- Economically Stifling (If the facility were closed and the land made available to the private sector, a large tax base would result that would be beneficial to local community)

Yours truly,


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