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Retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
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Dear Gen. Newton,

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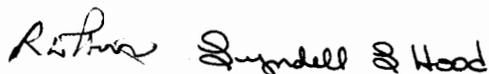
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Philip Coyle, Senior Advisor
Center of Defense Information
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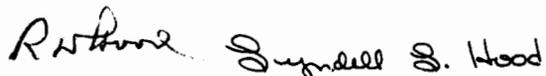
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