06072005 RECEIVED

DCN: 3422

Mrs. Robert W. McGowan
4 Oak Court
Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

June 5, 2005

Base Closure and Realignment Comm.
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Gentlemen

As a resident of Monmouth County for over thirty years I would like to add my voice to those who are asking you to reconsider the closing of Fort Monmouth.

The wealth of scientists, engineers and technicians have been doing a real service to our country for eighty years. Their contributions to research and development have been invaluable. Our soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq are now benefiting from their dedication.

Not the least of the problems will be the reluctance on the part of the scientists to uproot their families

and school-age children and move to an unknown future. There is an outstanding intellectual capital right here. Moving to another location will be disruptive and will take its toll.

I hope the members of BRAC will take another look at this closing.

Cordially,

Palmer A. McGowan