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BRAC Commission

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*Winthrop P. Rockefeller*  
Lieutenant Governor

July 15, 2005

Anthony Principi  
Chairman, BRAC 2005 Independent Commission  
2521 South Clark St., Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

By now you no doubt have received thousands of letters, most but not all of them polite, from community leaders and citizens across the country. Please allow me to thank you for the service you are providing our country. You have willingly undertaken a thankless job that will make you more unpopular than every football referee and home plate umpire combined. But I was raised to believe that it is more important to do the right thing than to do the popular thing, and I sincerely believe you are doing the right thing.

Would you please reconsider the recommendation to close the Red River Depot and to reduce the mission of the 188<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing? Both the Red River Depot and the 188<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing are outstanding organizations and pillars of their communities. As I'm sure you have been made aware, the Red River Depot performs certain mission-critical tasks that no other base performs, and the decision regarding the 188<sup>th</sup> was based in part on outdated information.

Thank you for considering this request, and again, thank you for the service you are providing the United States. God bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Win Rockefeller". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Win Rockefeller  
Lieutenant Governor

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