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The Honorable Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, Virginia 22202-3909

Dear Admiral Gehman:

I am advised that you are scheduled to visit Keesler Air Force Base and Naval Station Pascagoula in Mississippi on June 16. While you are there you will witness the strong support for these facilities and their missions that has developed from the long-standing partnership and ongoing collaboration between these installations, the local communities, the State of Mississippi, and the Mississippi Congressional delegation.

Given our Congressional delegation's many years of involvement and support for all of Mississippi's military installations, I request that our Congressional delegation's staff, as well as a representative from Governor Barbour's staff, be included as a part of the official site visit. In addition to allowing staff to participate, I urge that you provide each community group an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the value of Keesler and Pascagoula to the region and to their lives.

Thank you for your consideration of these two requests. Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



THAD COCHRAN
United States Senator