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Mr. Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure & Readiness Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I have been asked by Pat Paulson in Dick Elster's office to send you a copy of the letter I had written in April in support of the Naval Postgraduate School. Enclosed herewith is a copy of that letter. Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide.

I wish for you a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Ellis Staton  
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Enclosure



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April 29, 2005

Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

I write in support of preserving and enhancing the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). I was on the NPS Board of Advisors for several years. As a university provost, I can assure you that a civilian university is not able to replicate NPS. The greatest advantage NPS offers to the nation is that it can quickly adjust its programs of education to meet emergent and emerging national security issues. It is not simply that today's programs at NPS are unique and relevant; most importantly, NPS has the faculty skills and a culture of commitment to service that yield an organization that adapts to—even anticipates—emerging requirements. Civilian institutions normally cannot move with such speed.

If BRAC is about transformation and value, then NPS should not only be supported; it should be expanded.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Ellis Staton  
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