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Commissioners Newton and Coyle
U.S. Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Commissioners Coyle and Newton,

We are delighted that you will be visiting Fort Monmouth on Friday, June 3, 2005, to conduct an independent site visit. We look forward to welcoming you to the Fort and to spending time with you during your tour.

We write today to respectfully request that you extend the length of time you have allocated to spend at Fort Monmouth. If you agree, we would like to use this additional time to afford you greater opportunity to meet with a small number of spokespersons for the community. We believe this meeting will provide you with a more comprehensive understanding of the work done at Fort Monmouth, where the talented, highly skilled, and experienced workforce is at the heart of the Fort's impressive research, development, testing, acquisition, and evaluation (RDTA&E) functions. While we recognize that the Regional Hearing in Baltimore, MD on July 8, 2005, will provide a second opportunity for community input, we believe it is imperative that our community spokespersons be able to give you a timely and insightful briefing on June 3.

Again, we look forward to your visit, and hope that you will consider our request.

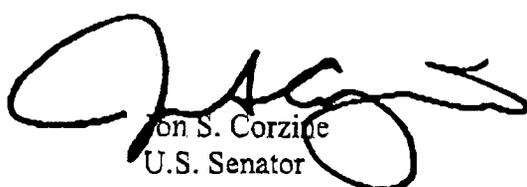
Sincerely,


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