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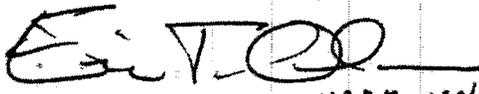
The Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
225 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your question regarding the significance of Naval Air Station Oceana to the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), I would like to clearly state the Command's position on this matter: Given USSOCOM's current posture in the Norfolk, Virginia, area, in terms of both specialized facilities and uniquely demanding operational considerations, Naval Air Station Oceana is the only airfield that can meet our classified and highly sensitive mission requirements.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and the support you have given our special operations forces.

Sincerely,


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