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Mr. David Hague
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Dear Mr. Hague:

I would like to thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule and meeting with me recently regarding the status of Commissioner recusals and their impact on Commission voting procedures. I am writing to confirm my understanding of our discussion on these issues.

During the meeting you stipulated that Commissioner Gehman and Commissioner Coyle had recused themselves from deliberations and voting on the Department of Defense (DoD) recommendation of Closure and Realignment of Naval Station (NAVSTA) Ingleside and Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi (BRAC Report Vol. IV, Attachment A-3). You also stated that the Commission voting procedures required five votes to approve a DoD recommendation regardless of the number of recusals associated with that vote. Therefore, it would require five of the available seven Commissioners voting on the NAVSTA Ingleside and NAS Corpus Christi recommendation to approve its implementation.

I am requesting that you validate my understanding of our meeting and the voting procedures associated with the NAVSTA Ingleside and NAS Corpus Christi recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gordon Turner on my staff, at (202) 225-7742.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Solomon P. Ortiz
Member of Congress