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Mr. James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commissioner

Dear Mr. Bilbray:

On behalf of the City of Hampton, I want to congratulate you on being appointed to serve on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

Hampton wholeheartedly supports the mission of Fort Monroe and Langley Air Force Base; both are local, state and national treasures. Fort Monroe is strategically located in the heart of the joint force environment of Hampton Roads and is surrounded by water, offering unparalleled security for the operations located there.

For your information, we have enclosed a DVD, which explores the potential we see to expand military operations at Fort Monroe and the potential role the City of Hampton could play to make that happen. Fort Monroe has over 93 acres of developable land and can accommodate an additional one million square feet of office space.

We look forward to Fort Monroe remaining a vibrant part of our community and continuing to play an important role in our local, state and national military mission.

Sincerely,

Ross A. Kearney, II
Mayor

Enclosure