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Dear Capt. Hanna,
(a.k.a. "Jim")

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Many thanks to you and to Ashley for returning to Delaware yesterday and spending so much of your time with us! We appreciated the opportunity to share our views and questions with both of you as we begin to respond to Sec. Rumsfeld's recommendations as they pertain to the Delaware Air Guard.

Throughout my ten years in the House and my four years in the Senate I've strongly supported BRAC. We do have excess capacity at a number of bases. Our forces and military assets can be aligned and deployed more wisely. Our national budget deficit must be reined in. As we work with you in the days ahead, please help us to determine whether this particular recommendation makes sense militarily & financially & is consistent with the BRAC law. A lot is riding on it in Delaware. Personal regards, Tom