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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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**Re: PITTSBURGH, LAND & MORE**

July 10, 2005

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Sincerely,

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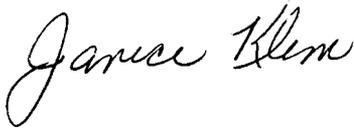
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