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Dear Mr. Skinner,

It was good to see you when you visited Rock Island on June 1st.

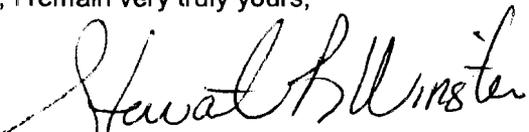
I know you are very engaged in all the BRAC recommendations, but let me talk about a couple issues that I hear on the TV and read in the newspapers and have had community folks talk to me about.

First, the move of folks to the Detroit Arsenal doesn't seem to make much sense to me. From what I understand there isn't room there so they have to build an administration building and a parking garage. I've heard numbers of over \$100 million dollars for the one time costs. Then the pay of people in the Detroit is much more than in the Rock Island area. The recurring costs would be \$3-4 million higher every year after that. It just doesn't make sense to me to make that move.

Second, I understand that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) centers are being re-looked at by the BRAC Commission. We think that is great because our local center is rated #1 of all the 26 DFAS centers and we have room for expansion on the Rock Island Arsenal. I'm told that without the construction we could handle another 2000 to 4000 people on the Arsenal. This would be a great opportunity to utilize this facility.

I really hate to communicate in this fashion, but I wanted you to know that I feel deeply that anything that affects the Rock Island Arsenal, affects all of the local people and this community, my lifetime home.

With best personal regards, I remain very truly yours,


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