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The Honorable Gordon England Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense 1010 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1010

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On June 30, 2005, my office requested six issue papers authored by Mr. Don DeYoung, the Navy CIT Alternate to the Technical Joint Cross Service Group (see attached). This request has been repeated twice by my office and twice by the Senate Armed Services Committee over the past three weeks.

As you know, section 2903(c)(4) of the Title 10, United States Code requires the Department to provide to the Congress and Commission all information used by the Secretary to prepare his Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations. The integrity of the BRAC is based in large measure upon an open process where all information is made available to ensure that the best decisions are made for the American taxpayers and our men and women in uniform.

Given the short time frame that the Congress and the Commission have available to review the Secretary's recommendations, it is important that requested information be provided in an expeditious manner. I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and the prompt transmittal of the requested documents, and all other BRAC related papers written by Mr. DeYoung, by Monday, July 25, 2005.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Warner Chairman