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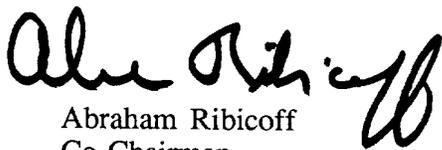
Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Commission, we are pleased to transmit to you our report as required by our Charter and Public Law 100-526. This report contains our detailed findings and recommendations. We certify that the Commission has identified the military installations to be closed or realigned by reviewing all military installations inside the United States, including all military installations under construction and all those planned for construction.

We want to assure you that we undertook this task with the utmost seriousness and dedication to purpose. The recommendations in this report may not have been the only recommendations possible, but we believe that there is a sound basis for them. They reflect information received from expert witnesses, private industry, the Military Services and other elements of the Defense Department. While this input has been considerable, the results are the independent judgment of the Commission based on its own experience and expertise.

The scope and nature of our recommendations reflect the current and future requirements as we now see them, but as the nature of the threat and force structure change, new basing realignments and closures will be required. We hope that the emphasis of our report will lead to a smoother and more flexible process for these changes in the future. There is no question that implementing our proposed realignment and closure recommendations will require some fortitude, but we believe that the hard budget choices facing our nation mandate that unneeded bases be closed and realigned.

Sincerely,


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