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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

The Air Force intends to carry out an unspecified minor military construction project at Pope AFB, North Carolina, using Military Construction Appropriations Act funds. This \$1,401,000 project is required to provide a facility to support the base post office, base information transfer system, communications security section, information management work center, automated data processing functions and telephone operators.

The building that houses the above functions is an old commissary, built in 1941. A structural engineer study indicates that there are serious deficiencies in the structural system, making the building unstable and which could result in a collapse during a strong wind. This situation presents a significant risk to our people and will be corrected with this project.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Kuhn".

FRED W. KUHN

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
(Installations)

Attachment:
Air Force Report (P-341 Project,
Communications Facility, Pope AFB, NC)