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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the authority contained in Section 2854(a) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), the Secretary of the Navy plans to convey by deed to the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) approximately 32 acres of land with buildings and improvements comprising the Naval Air Reserve Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of facilitating the expansion of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport near Minneapolis, Minnesota, in Hennepin County. As consideration for this conveyance MAC will convey by deed to the Secretary of the Navy a 12 acre parcel with replacement facilities for the Naval Reserve and will reimburse the Secretary for all costs incurred in relocating the operations of the Naval Air Reserve Center to such replacement facilities. The estimated monetary value of both properties is approximately $25 million dollars.

Subject to expiration of the Congressional notification period, the Secretary and MAC will enter into an agreement specifying the terms and conditions under which the conveyances will occur.

Identical letters have been sent to the Senate Armed Services and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ike Skelton