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The Honorable John Tower
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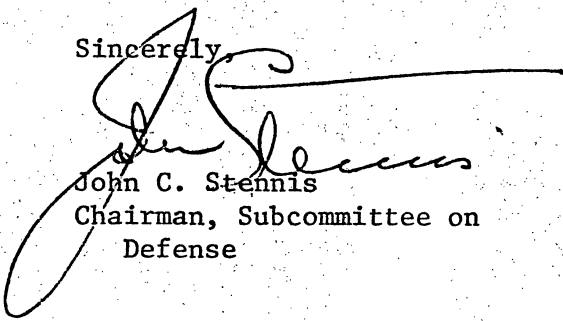
Dear John:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Department of Defense's proposal to consolidate Navy and Marine Corps helicopter pilot training with the Army at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

As you know, I have been opposed to this consolidation plan since it was first proposed by the Department. I understand that the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee is recommending that the language included in the FY 1978 Defense Appropriations Act prohibiting this consolidation be included in the FY 1979 bill. I certainly intend to bring this matter before the Defense Subcommittee when we meet to consider the FY 1979 Defense Appropriations Bill.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


John C. Stennis
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Defense

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