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Honorable William J. Perry
Secretary of Defense

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1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Over the past ten years, I have toured several air force bases through civic leadership tours. Each time, I felt pride and appreciation for our armed forces. But, the JCOC 59 was unique in that it permitted me to gain insight into the enormous sacrifice our young military men and women make on a daily basis to protect our freedom. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in such a fine tradition as the JCOC.

I believe the JCOC plays a critical role in promoting public awareness of the tremendous responsibilities of our military. You can be assured, I will do everything I can to help raise the awareness of the military's mission and to encourage our young people to consider the military as a career. I sincerely believe the other participants will do the same.

Your staff did an excellent job. Each made sure that our needs were met and that we felt comfortable within our team. It took a great deal of effort and coordination to execute a conference of this magnitude. Each person at every level professionally executed their respective responsibilities.

The JCOC 59 experience was an experience I will never forget. Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Eddie Mae Owens
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