

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 21, 2015

The Honorable John McCain
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20002

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Chairman
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
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Dear Chairman Thornberry, Chairman McCain, Senator Reed, and Ranking Member Smith,

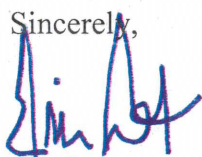
It has come to Congress' attention that waste, fraud, and abuse may be involved in Department of Defense decisions related to the consolidation of U.S. military bases in Europe. As a result, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has opened an investigation into these allegations.

Specifically, the DOD's decision to create a Joint Intelligence Analysis Complex (JIAC) at RAF Croughton at an estimated cost of \$317 million did not take into account major cost savings that could be realized by locating the JIAC at existing facilities such as those at Lajes Field in the Azores. A review by staff of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence found that:

- Locating the JIAC at Lajes Field instead of RAF Croughton will save U.S. taxpayers more than \$500 million over the life of the facility.
- The true cost of housing and communications infrastructure needed to base the JIAC at RAF Croughton could add as much as \$300 million to the savings associated with Lajes.

There are indications that the DOD may have miscalculated these savings, raising serious questions as to whether DOD representatives have fully informed Congress about the facts behind the decision to locate the JIAC at RAF Croughton. We believe that Members who are aware of this issue are questioning whether these actions were simple error or deliberate. Therefore, we strongly urge you to act to immediately stop all JIAC-related construction activities at RAF Croughton until the investigations of this matter are complete.

Sincerely,



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