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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Sent by U.S. Mail and Facsimile

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to ask you to suspend the Air Force's decision to locate the new Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska received the highest evaluation score (89 compared to Barksdale's 81).

The Air Force is ignoring its own evaluation process in not selecting Offutt Air Force Base. Offutt finished first in every evaluation category. This decision is unfair and unjust.

This process raises serious questions about whether it meets the highest ethical standards that you said would be the hallmark of your Administration. Therefore, I am also requesting that you conduct an independent investigation of what occurred.

Why wasn't Offutt Air Force Base selected as the new Global Strike Command since it received the highest evaluation score? What role did internal Department of Defense and Department of Air Force politics play in this decision? Were there other political considerations that impacted this decision?

This decision doesn't pass the smell test. Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Heineman".

Dave Heineman
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