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General Ann E. Dunwoody  
Commanding General  
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Dear General Dunwoody,

We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the future of the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) with you on our conference call today. We appreciate your statement that the RIA is one of the "centers of gravity" for the Army Materiel Command (AMC). We agree with you and look forward to working together to strengthen the workload at the Rock Island Arsenal.

We also appreciate your willingness to meet with the Illinois and Iowa delegation representing the RIA when you are in Washington to participate in the House Military Depot and Industrial Facilities Caucus breakfast July 14.

As you know, there has been concern about reports that the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center could be a target as part of AMC's Internal Task Force to find \$3 billion in savings by Fiscal Year 2015. As we discussed today, the JMTC is a Working Capital Fund facility that operates off of sales revenue and not appropriated funds. During a separate call with Army Secretary John McHugh on June 1, 2011, the Secretary indicated that the JMTC was not a target at this time. We appreciate your commitment today to ensure that the Task Force review is conducted in a transparent fashion.

We remain concerned about the assignment of the Expeditionary Contracting Command (ECC) to Huntsville, Alabama. Army Sustainment Command already has a complete command staff, not to mention 24/7 tactical level global logistics operation support. Reprogramming \$28 million for a new Huntsville facility to house the ECC, is in our view a waste of taxpayer money when you consider the office space at the RIA that will be available this summer.

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with us today. We know you will continue to support a review process that is transparent. We look forward to meeting with you on these matters next month, and to an ongoing dialog in the months that follow.

Sincerely,



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