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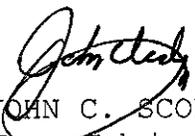
Dear Ms. Lenfort:

SUBJECT: ST. MARYS AIRPORT SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES

I am contacting you regarding the safety and security of Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) Kings Bay, Georgia. On numerous occasions, the Navy has expressed interest in the relocation of St. Marys airport to ensure safe and uninterrupted operations at this strategically critical installation. We now reiterate this request.

Safety and security threats generated by operations at St. Marys' airport predate the transformative September 11, 2001 terror attacks on New York City and the Pentagon. Repeated SUBASE incursions create significant disruptions for the SUBASE mission and raise the specter of needlessly dangerous reactive responses. We can no longer accept this state of affairs.

Both the City of St. Marys and Camden County have always faithfully supported SUBASE Kings Bay, its boats, Sailors, employees, and families. We are truly grateful for that support, and request the cooperation of your office and the FAA in resolving these serious safety and security issues. Both the Navy and my staff are actively engaged, and fully committed toward resolving these issues. Thank you for your support.


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Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay