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August 21, 1985

Dear Senator Mattingly:

On behalf of Don Regan, I would like to thank you for your July 30 letter strongly urging that Fort Benning, Georgia, be chosen as the permanent site for the School of the Americas.

We appreciate your interest in voicing your personal support for the selection of Fort Benning. Your letter will be shared with the appropriate officials to ensure that your reasons for making this recommendation are taken into careful consideration during the selection process.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mack Mattingly United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Security Assistance Division

Honorable Mack Mattingly United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Mattingly:

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 1985 to the Honorable Donald T. Regan, Chief of Staff to the President.

As you know, the U. S. Army is in the process of selecting reasonable alternative sites for further detailed study leading to the eventual selection of a permanent site for the United States Army School of the Americas. The decision on selection of reasonable alternative sites should be made this month by Secretary of the Army Marsh. The information and insights you provided will be carefully considered in our screening process.

Your interest and support in this matter are appreciated.

PAUL C. HUTTON, III

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Chief, Security Assistance

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Honorable Donald T. Regan Chief of Staff to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Regan:

I am writing with regard to the United States Army School of the Americas which is presently located at Fort Benning, Georgia.

As you are no doubt aware, when the School of the Americas was forced to leave Panama last year, Fort Benning was chosen as a temporary home for the school because adequate facilities were available on post and because the local community could support the additional housing needs.

I understand that the Army is presently reviewing potential sites for a permanent location for the School of the Americas. I further understand that approximately 41 sites are being considered in the initial evaluation with a smaller list of sites to be determined in September followed by detailed analysis of the proposed sites, including an environmental study effort.

I want to express my strong support of the Fort Benning location for the School of the Americas. It is my opinion that the Fort Benning site makes good sense because of its location, facilities and community support. The School of the Americas was able to move onto Fort Benning with only minor inconvenience to the existing units. A further move of the school would increase costs associated with travel and transportation which can be avoided by establishing the school permanently at Fort Benning.

I urge that you take the facts I have mentioned into consideration during the initial and fianl determination on a site for the School of the Americas. The Fort Benning community continues to welcome new units which are vital to national security interests. Fort Benning is the logical answer in the search for a permanent home for the School of the Americas.

Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

MACK MATTINGLY

United States Senator

cc: Honorable George P. Schultz Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger