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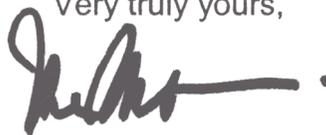
Dear Secretary Harvey:

I was pleased to learn of the recent decision to move the 50<sup>th</sup> Engineer Multi-Role Bridge Company, consisting of 183 soldiers, from Korea to Fort Leonard Wood. In light of this decision, I wish to make the following recommendation. As the Secretary of Defense's recommendation regarding the removal of additional Army units from Korea and Europe is implemented, I strongly urge you to consider transferring these units to Fort Leonard Wood. This Missouri Army Post has ample room for several additional missions, and the Engineering, Chemical, and Military Police schools there would complement new units placed at Fort Leonard Wood.

As the decisions regarding unit placement within the Continental United States are finalized, I hope that Fort Leonard Wood will receive a substantial number of soldiers from the Korean and European Bases in the coming months.

If I may be of any assistance to you regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,



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