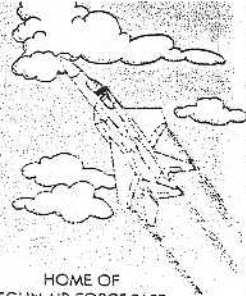


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October 10, 2008

The Honorable James Peake, Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Peake:

Valparaiso Florida is a small city, population 6,500, located adjacent to Eglin AFB. Many of our residents are veterans of the Air Force. In the BRAC 2005, Eglin AFB was identified as the location for the training of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft.

Valparaiso is located adjacent to the runway that is proposed for use by the F-35. Currently, within Valparaiso there are the clear zone, APZ I, APZ II, and noise levels of 65 db and above for a population of 2,113.

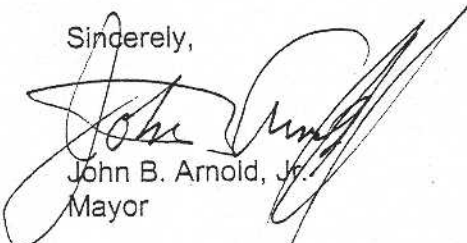
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Our research indicates that the VA policy is to deny financing for residential properties in clear zones, APZs and high noise levels.

Please confirm if our research is correct or if VA will finance residential properties with these environmental conditions. And if so what effect this will have on the evaluation process.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Lisa Algieri, City Administrator, at 850-389-4097.

Sincerely,



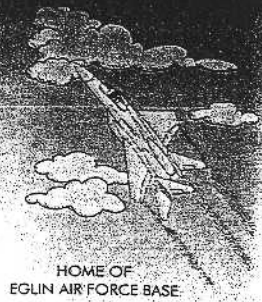
John B. Arnold, Jr.
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Mr. J. Nicholas Shelley, Field Office Director
HUD
Charles E. Bennett Federal Building
400 W. Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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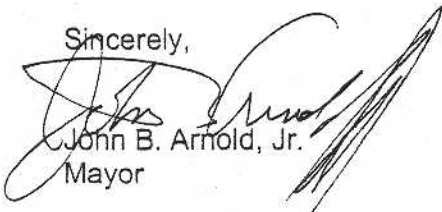
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