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Honorable George M. O'Brien
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

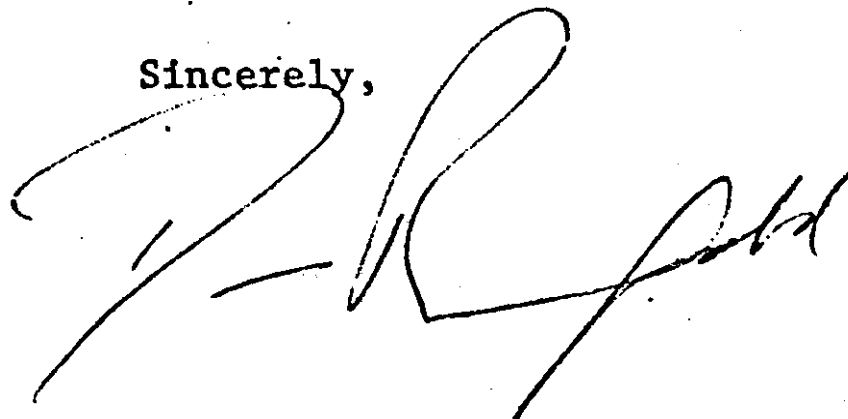
Dear George:

This refers to our recent conversation concerning the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant.

The Secretary of the Army has given me **an** update of current Army actions and the background on past actions concerning Joliet. It appears at this point **that** the best course is to wait for the **8-inch** and **90mm** ammunition contract decisions to be announced in January and February **1976**, respectively, + and for the results of **the Army** directed assessment of the FAA airport site proposal, **also** due in February 1976.

Your concern for the future of Joliet is appreciated. I enjoyed our brief visit on Capitol Hill shortly before the recess. Be assured that Secretary **Hoffmann** and I will closely monitor actions addressing your concerns. Please accept my best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Representative George M. O'Brien - Joliet Army
Ammunition Plant (JAAP) Current Actions

1. This memorandum provides an update of current Army actions at JAAP and forwards a proposed letter for your signature to Mr. O'Brien indicating personal interest.
2. Since 1973 Mr. O'Brien has attempted to obtain land at JAAP for civilian use. The most recent effort is in support of a FAA site study for a proposed Joliet Municipal Airport using JAAP or Fifth Army controlled real estate. In a 19 December 1975 message, DA Engineers have tasked FORSCOM to assess the FAA study and make one or more of the FAA suggested sites available. FORSCOM action is to be completed by 2 February 1976.
3. JAAP currently is producing TNT and also renovating **90mm** ammunition. The plant was scheduled for shut down in November 75 but has been extended to February 1976. The extension was directed by me to cover an estimated period of time necessary for the GAO to conduct a review (at Mr. O'Brien's request) of the Army's TNT workload study between Joliet and Volunteer **AAP's**, won by Volunteer, which was the basis for the closure of Joliet.
4. Uniroyal, the contractor-operator, has submitted a bid for a contract to establish a production line to load, assemble and pack 8" artillery ammunition and continue to renovate **90mm**. Eight inch contract decision is due for announcement at the end of January 76 followed by **90mm** contract decision during the first week in February 76.
5. Joliet was one of the sites considered by the Army for the location of the headquarters for the DOD Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition. **JAAP fell** from consideration due to the Army's decision to superimpose the Single Manager HQ on the already existing Army Armament Command located at Rock Island, Illinois.
6. The **inclosed** letter to Mr. O'Brien is simply an acknowledgement of ongoing Army actions concerning Joliet and an assurance that you will monitor these actions per his request.


Martin R. Hoffmann

REC'D BY S. S. NEWMAN

LA concurs (W)

