

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Mark Esper
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

General Mark A. Milley
Chief of Staff of the Army
200 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary Esper and General Milley:

First, as members of New Mexico's congressional delegation, we write to congratulate you on your confirmation as our nation's 23rd Secretary of the Army. The United States faces a number of global challenges, and your immediate leadership will be needed to ensure our military remains the most capable military in the world.

Specifically, we write to urge you to consider White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) as a garrison host for a Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB). As you know, Congress has provided a significant amount of resources toward training foreign security forces in recent years, so we welcome the Army's announcement to establish brigades who will specialize in this mission, while demonstrating the best use of taxpayer dollars.

There is an immediate availability of \$170 million worth of modern, battalion sized facilities that are vacant at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). We are fully confident that the facilities available at WSMR have the capacity and capability to support an SFAB mission. The available facilities include the features described below and pictured in *Figure 1*:

- One 17,715 sq. ft. headquarters building with 23 office spaces, five conference rooms, a secure room, vault and elevator.
- Six company headquarters in one 65,969 sq. ft. building. Each company area has a vault, a ready room with over 100 personal equipment lockers, communications and supply storage rooms; along with three shared conference rooms and locker room type latrines/showers.
- One 19,500 sq. ft. battalion level dining facility (DFAC) consisting of two offices, a drive-thru window, dry storage room, and public & crew latrines.
- One vehicle maintenance shop consisting of 34,925 sq. ft., with 14 offices, five bays, a 10T overhead crane, 24x14 ft. doors, one elevator, POL & parts storage, and six 5,775 sq. ft. organizational storage buildings.
- One parade field and a segregated parking lot.

We look forward to working with you on this issue, and New Mexico stands ready to support the U.S. Army on this critical mission.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
U.S. Senator



Martin Heinrich
U.S. Senator



Steve Pearce
U.S. Representative



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