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Mr. Bill Wyatt
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Dear Mr. Wyatt,

Thank you for your continued support of the mutual effort to determine a long term arrangement between the Oregon Air National Guard and the Port of Portland.

Your letter of 16 January 2008 to Governor Kulongoski on this subject was well received by the Governor and enthusiastically welcomed by Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) leadership.

I am pleased to report that further discussion with the National Guard Bureau (NGB) of the need for a short lease extension has revealed that our concern for an established 25-year lease is manageable within Department of Defense procedures.

This simplifies the way ahead. Our mutual focus can now be on a process suggested in your letter. First, NGB has agreed to commission a master planning study to evaluate site options beginning in the last quarter of 2008. That evaluation will include potential land exchange discussions between the Port and the ORANG/USAF. Second, a lease would be negotiated to include location/relocation of the ORANG at PDX.

This will set the stage for a long term, stable relationship with great benefit to the stakeholders, the State, region and Nation.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Rees
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The Adjutant General