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The Honorable Earl Hutto
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The Honorable Glen Browder
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In response to your February 21, 1992, request, we had been reviewing (1) the validity, adequacy, and completeness of the Department of Defense (DOD) proposal to consolidate depot-level tactical missile maintenance at the Letterkenny Army Depot; (2) the extent to which DOD had plans to maintain missile system readiness during the proposed consolidation; and (3) DOD's environmental assessment of the proposed move. However, in December 1992, DOD stopped the move of tactical missile maintenance into Letterkenny Army Depot and recently advised us that it was unsure how this mission would be accomplished.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding DOD's proposal to consolidate tactical missile maintenance, we agreed with your offices to terminate our review at this time and report on the information we had already gathered on DOD's proposal as of January 1993.

During our review, DOD was in the process of reexamining the costs and savings of consolidating tactical missile maintenance at a single location. This reexamination was being made to reflect the significant decrease in the work load that had been projected for tactical missiles. However, a federal district court judge ruled in December 1992 that the movement of tactical missile work from the Anniston Army Depot to Letterkenny Army Depot, or any other depot, would be prohibited unless DOD used competitive procedures to determine which depot should perform this work.

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