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Mr. Harry Knudsen
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Dear Mr. Knudsen:

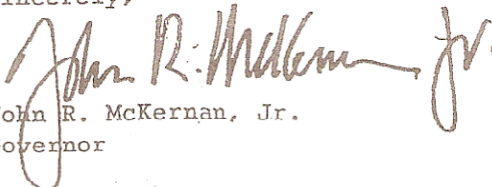
Enclosed please find the State of Maine response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for ANG aircraft conversions at Barnes MAP, MA, Bradley IAP, CT, and military airspace modifications for the Northeast United States. The State of Maine comments on the DEIS are limited to the proposed modifications to the CONDOR I and CONDOR II MOAs and the proposed creation of a Great State of Maine MOA.

The State of Maine is unequivocally opposed to the proposed actions related to the CONDOR MOAs and the Great State of Maine MOA described in the DEIS. This proposal represents a serious threat to this State's economic and environmental health, to public safety and to the quality of life enjoyed by Maine citizens.

Our review of the DEIS finds that it is replete with errors, omissions and methodological flaws. In fact, the extraordinary carelessness exhibited in this particular DEIS can only be interpreted as evidence of the Department's and Bureau's fundamental disregard for interests of the people of Maine. In addition to factual and methodological flaws, the DEIS fails to offer compelling evidence of need for additional airspace at a time when the nation's military is being reduced. This proposal suggests that Maine should give up a third of its airspace for a need which has not been documented.

This proposal poses an unacceptable threat to Maine's economic and environmental resources and public health. The DEIS inadequately evaluated these threats and offers no useful information on which to make a decision regarding the proposed actions. We recommend that the proposed action be dropped from consideration without additional expense to American taxpayers.

Sincerely,


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Governor

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