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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat Speaker of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Ms. Won Pat:

Thank you for forwarding, to the Secretary of Defense, the 1 February 2014 Resolution of the Legislature of Guam requesting permanent stationing of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) and Patriot Missile Defense System on Guam. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary.

The U.S. Army is working closely with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Pacific Command to transition the current deployment of THAAD on Guam to a permanent duty station for Soldiers and their families. The Department of Defense does not currently intend to permanently station Patriot capability on Guam. However, the U.S. Army remains postured to rapidly deploy Patriot capability anywhere in the world in response to an emergent crisis.

I appreciate your continued concern for and support of our men and women in uniform.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. OOLDFEIN, Lt Gen, USAF

Director, Joint Staff