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The Honorable Tom Udall
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Dear Congressman Udall

We appreciate your concerns regarding the Radio Club currently occupying Building 509 on Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). We are currently in the process of soliciting requests for qualifications from prospective lessees interested in developing the Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) parcel of land on which Building 509 sits. I only recently discovered that this club was operating on the base because no annual requests to operate such a club on the installation are on file, as required by DoD and Air Force regulations. By regulation, the Radio Club must enhance our mission in order for them to operate on KAFB.

My staff has been meeting regularly with the Radio Club in order to come to a reasonable solution that will satisfy all parties. We have advised the club they may vacate Building 509 by the date the EUL is executed and relocate to an off-base location of their choosing, or that they may negotiate with the successful EUL lessee to possibly sublease Building 509 if it is not moved or demolished as part of the lease development plan. We are also trying to determine whether it is permissible and feasible to allow the Radio Club's equipment to be integrated into our Emergency Response Force and relocate to another part of the base. In summary, the only potential option that might allow the club to remain in its current location is for them to deal directly with the eventual EUL lessee.

Thank you for contacting us and we look forward to working with the Radio Club to find a reasonable solution that complies with required laws and regulations. If you have questions, please contact me or the Base Civil Engineer, Mr. D. Brent Wilson, at 505-846-7911.

Sincerely


ROBERT E. SUMINSBY, JR., Colonel, USAF
Commander