

David Rath, M. D. Governor of Central Bohemia region

In Prague, 24th March 2009

Dear Mr President,

I am writing to you as the regional Governor for Central Bohemia, where it is planned to construct the US radar base that is to form part of the missile defence shield.

I would like to bring to your attention the fact that the US military base is to be located in a highly valuable natural habitat that de facto equates with a nature park.

As the Governor of the region in question, I consider that location of the base there is entirely inadvisable and will only serve to strengthen the case of those critical of the USA's approach in such matters.

I am convinced that America should reassess the fittingness of this location with respect to the environmental damage that threatens it. I feel sure that for you, too, nature conservation is a priority. I am the Governor elected for the Social Democrats, which is the Czech equivalent of the US Democratic Party, and it is for this reason also that I am approaching you with my request for assistance in defending a region with such untouched nature.

Sincerely,

David Rath

I enclose photographs of the region.

## Barack Obama

President of the United States of America