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SUBJECT: Cannon Air Force Base

I am a retired Air Force Officer writing on behalf of Cannon Air Force Base. It is my firm belief that it would behoove the Commission to re-evaluate the base's present and potential worth to the defense of this Nation. As you are well aware, the airspace around Cannon is wide open making it a pilot's dream for flying. In addition, the proximity of the Melrose Bombing Range is ideal for keeping the pilots' skills sharply honed and a low altitude supersonic area is being finalized to provide additional training.

Further, the town has not encroached on the Base, eliminating any hazard to the civilian population.

My wife and I retired from the Air Force while stationed in New Jersey and we returned to the Clovis Area because of the outstanding harmony between the base and the community. In all my years of service, I have never seen such friendliness and cooperation from the local people and the base personnel.



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