



May 25, 2005

BRAC Commission
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Honorable Commission Members:

My name is Johnny Ogden. I am a 60 year old father of three and grandfather of seven. I have lived my entire life within a few miles of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico.

There is absolutely no doubt that Cannon is essential for the National Defense for all the strategic military reasons that you are aware of. I would like to tell you of just one more that is also related to keeping the peace. In this instance, it is "Peace of Mind."

My family and I have spent most of our lives out doors in Eastern New Mexico. We have grown accustomed to the frequent sound of jet aircraft flying overhead. When my oldest daughter was very young and wanted to know what that noise was, I told her to always remember that sound, because that is "The Sound of Freedom". At first she didn't understand, but she is now telling her children the same thing. My plea to you is.....DON'T STOP "THE SOUND OF FREEDOM".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Ogden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Johnny Ogden

cc:

Governor Bill Richardson
Sen. Pete Domenici
Sen. Jeff Bingaman
Rep. Tom Udall
Rep. Heather Wilson
Steve Pearce