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May 22, 2005

RE: OPERATION KEEP CANNON OPEN

Air Force Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner
BRAC COMMISSION
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Brig. Gen. Turner:

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Cannon is perfectly situated in an area where civilian lives are not likely to be taken when an Air Force plane crashes. The plane might take a cow or two, but not a human life. Where can big cities have bombing ranges - a bombing range has been in use for years West of Cannon. Several million dollars of work has been completed on Cannon in the recent months, which would go to waste if the base is closed.

Why would someone make such an unwise and uneconomically sound decision to close Cannon?

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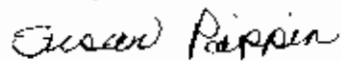
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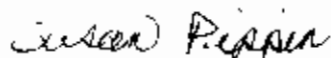
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