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Brac Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, Va. 22202

Re: Cannon Air Force Base

Dear Commission:

I strongly believe the Brac Commission was not given the full criteria regarding Cannon Air Force Base's military value. These reasons are critical to the review of the Brac Commission.

Cannon has not one runway as mentioned in the Pentagon report, but they have 2 runways, one of which is a supersonic runway.

The missile range is 20 miles from Cannon, not 44 miles as reported.

Cannon has space and facilities to accommodate the joint war-fighting, training and readiness as was

evidenced recently by the joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. The climate in Eastern New Mexico provides year round training ability.

Cannon also has an abundance of air space and no encroachment issues. Curry County, Clovis and the State of New Mexico in the early 90's purchased air easements around Cannon and gave them to the Air Force. Land was also purchased and given back to the Air Force for additional housing. Land was also purchased and given to the Air Force for.

Installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at Cannon. For over 50 years this Base has been fully supported by this area and community.

The closing of this Base will have not only a tremendous impact on the economy of this area, but all of the West Texas area.

I urge the Commission to please re-evaluate Cannon Air Force Base and remove it from the closing list.

I am a former citizen of Clorus and also have a nephew who is employed at Cannon for 25 years. This will have a huge impact on his family, but other families also.

Thank you for re-considering Cannon and looking at Cannon for the full military value that it offers.

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