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Dear Sir,

Are you telling me that you don't require a base with air space and no encroachment issues that can also provide sonic air space in the near future? If you are, then close Cannon. But don't expect to find this at any of your other bases or be able to get it up and going before a real-life situation comes in to focus.

I believe you have made a wrong choice by putting Cannon Air Force Base on your list of closers for approval by the President. This base is unique because of its air space that is soon to become sonic air space with no encroachments. The weather in this part of the country provides training for your troupes year round. Room for expansions is just one of several pluses you have with this base. Try finding expansion area at the bases in larger cities or more congested areas. Or find another area that will purchase land and air space just to turn around and give to the Government for their use. It is also one of the few bases you will find ties to the local towns strong and bonding. I'm not just talking Clovis or Portales, this spans into all of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas. Service personal that have spent any part of their time in the service at Cannon end up retiring in these areas, with a large amount of those moving back after transfer. They rely upon the base for what the Government has promised them as part of that retirement. All other bases in this area have been closed and closing Cannon would only add hardship to these people that have served their County.

I'm asking that you take another look at the benefits Cannon Air Force Base has to offer to this Nations defense building team.

Sincerely,



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