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BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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May 23, 2005

Dear Sirs:

Please re-consider your decision to close our local Cannon Air Force Base. This will have a very devastating effect of our local economy. We have worked hand-in-hand with the Base for years. We have tried to give the base land for their housing as the base has expanded. The area is also well suited for the jets flight patterns. Our climate is suitable for almost year round flight training. The communities have had a very agreeable relationship with the Base for many years. The communities have welcomed the base and enjoy their business. The locals have been welcomed on the base for social and special events.

Cannon is the source of healthcare, pharmacy, and groceries for retirees from as far away as 90 to 125 miles. There is apparently nothing else available to these retirees.

We have enjoyed a good relationship with Cannon Air Force Base for years. We also feel safer knowing the base is in this area. Please re-consider closure of this valuable part of our Community.

Sincerely

The Harpers

Gary & Barbara Harper