

May 23, 2005
 237 Utah Dr.
 Portales, NM 88130

The Honorable James V. Hansen
 BRAC Commission
 2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
 Arlington, VA 22202



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Respectfully yours,
Renee Nelly

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General James T. Hill
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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
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Thanksgiving meals to the community, we had a lot of volunteers from Cannon to help with food preparation and the delivery of food to those unable to come to the center.

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Reese Neely

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
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General Lloyd W. Newton
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