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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

I am pleased to be associated with one of the six local institutions of higher learning in Abilene, Texas, that has the privilege of serving our men and women at Dyess Air Force Base. Along with Abilene Christian University, McMurry University, the Abilene Campus of Texas Tech University College of Engineering, Cisco Community College, and Texas State Technical College, Hardin-Simmons University offers educational options, employment opportunities, and entertainment and cultural programs to enhance life on the Friendly Frontier for those stationed at Dyess.

In addition to a variety of undergraduate programs, Hardin-Simmons offers a number of graduate programs with military personnel in mind, including master's degrees in Business Administration, Counseling and Human Development, Education, Environmental Science, Family Psychology, Nursing, and Sports and Recreation Management, to name a few.

Hardin-Simmons has been fortunate in employing military spouses and retired military through the years (my own Administrative Assistant is the spouse of a retired colonel and former Wing Commander at Dyess and has worked with me for almost twelve years).

We at Hardin-Simmons University consider it a privilege and honor to work with the personnel at Dyess Air Force Base, and we are constantly seeking new and better ways to serve their needs during their appointments in Abilene.

Yours truly,

Craig Turner
President

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