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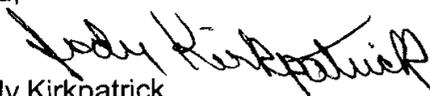
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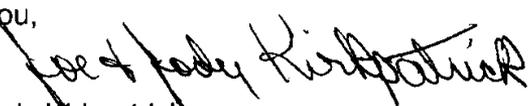
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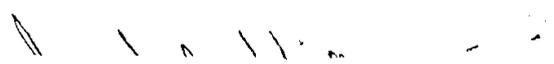
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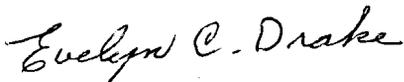
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Gentlemen: I am writing to you regarding the proposed closure of the Clovis Air Force Base.

I was a young child when Clovis AFB was opened during World War II. I vividly remember the B-17 and then B-29 crews that trained at the base. Since housing was sparse, my parents had military couples staying in the house throughout the war years.

I remember when the Korean War started and the base was reactivated, initially with P-51 fighters and then Sabre jets, etc.

As a high school senior in 1956 I had the privilege of being the honorary base commander for a day and fondly remember my time spent with General Momyer on that day.

I was even part of the engineering crew that helped construct an initial 100+ housing unit on the base in the mid-1950's.

Needless to say, CAFB has played a major role in my life as a child, young adult and now as an older lifetime resident of Clovis.

It is very difficult for me to understand why CAFB has been scheduled for closure when you consider our open spaces, adjacent bombing range, year round flying weather and the great relationship the local area has had with the base for over 60-years.

I have traveled to many large cities where bases have been dramatically encroached upon, air

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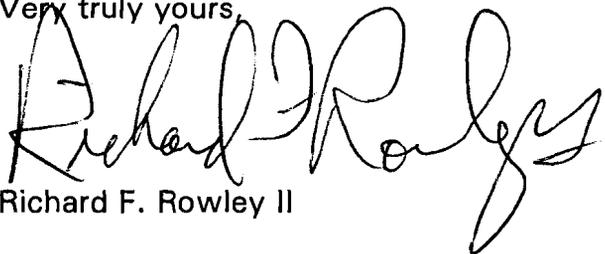
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When all things are considered, and if the government truly wants to save money without damaging our ability to respond to crisis, it seems to me that the Pentagon has been extremely short sighted in their recommendation relating to CAFB.

Please give their recommendation very careful review.

Very truly yours,

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Richard F. Rowley II

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Dear Base Commissioner,

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Gentlemen:

In response to your decision to close Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico I would like to tell you how much Cannon means to the community of Clovis.

We really appreciate the Cannon personnel they bring so much depth to our community. They attend our churches, their children attend our schools and they contribute a lot to our economy. It would hurt Clovis seriously if Cannon were to close since we would lose at least 20% of our workforce.

We have so much to offer, from the wide open air space to the Melrose Bombing Range just to the west of Cannon and a lot of undeveloped land surrounding the base. We would gladly welcome another wing in here since there is plenty or room for expansion.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you come to Clovis and see how important Cannon Air Force Base to our community. Please reconsider your decision and let us KEEP CANNON.

Sincerely,

Maurine Young

Dear BRAC Commission,

I am writing to you in regard to the possible closure of Cannon Air Force Base.

I am not a resident of Clovis nor I am I dependent on its functioning for survival.

I am, however, very fortunate to have known a family from Clovis for the past couple of years, and I am extremely worried about their future, especially when I know that Cannon's selection is clearly unwarranted.

I urge you to strongly reconsider this decision as it would be detrimental to not only the Clovis community but also to the department of defense as well.

As I am sure you are aware of, Cannon Air Force Base has ^{an} unparalleled

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ability to conduct flight training considering its abundant airspace over land and the Melrose bombing range seconds away. This is a valuable asset to the advancement and stability of air defense considering how most battles are fought over land. Not to mention money is saved on fuel costs due to close proximity of the Melrose bombing range and time is not wasted by ensuring that training begins promptly.

But even more importantly than the demographics used to determine what makes a base "valuable," I ask you to get to know the people of Clovis as I have.

I am willing to bet the residents of

Clowes came about Cammen An' Year Base
more deeply and more passionately than the
residents at any other military base. And
it is important to understand that the
feelings and attitudes toward a particular
operation, in this case Cammen, will outweigh
any monetary success or failure. After all,
who would want to partake in an
operation if he did not feel supported?
Support is what gives us a sense of
duty and accomplishment and is often all
we need to provide the necessary
driving force. And I can assure you
that the people of Clowes provide that
support. They demonstrate their support
in everyday life, and I know this

will become evident during your visit.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Anthony Martiney

Raejean Toledo
240 E. Tierra Blanca Rd
Clovis, NM 88101
E-mail: akataz@zianet.com



BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suit 600
Arlington, Va., 22202

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Sirs:

Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list!

Some of the Key Military Facts:

1. Abundance in airspace with no encroachments. There are no large airports in the area so our planes have a free sky.
 2. Safer, more realistic training scenarios for various aircraft and missions. This is an ideal training area. We could also handle Army troop training.
 3. Once implemented, the NM Training Range initiative allows supersonic flying. This would mean a wide variety of training in this area with out problems or danger to civilians.
 4. Great year round weather for flying conditions. It is said that Cannon can fly 360 days out of the year.
 5. Melrose Bombing Range is seconds away. If there ever was a problem or a plane in trouble they can make it back to base in seconds again with out putting civilians at risk.
 6. New runways on the base, this alone is such an advantage for planes coming in. And crippled planes from other areas can see the runways are open and clear.
 7. Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements. Cannon can handle many more planes and troops. We can respond to troops coming home from Iraq.
 8. Support of training missions for F-22, Joint Strike Fighter. We have also had joint training missions with Nellis in Las Vegas, Nevada.
 9. Award winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels.
 10. A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and surrounding areas. Amarillo also feels more
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secure with Cannon just minutes away by air. This is because of our Hazmat training at Cannon. Pan Tex in Amarillo works with hazardous products and they feel that if there were every a problem they would want Cannon there. With out Cannon Amarillo is at a higher risk. It would take a much longer time for a Haz Mat team to come in from Kirkland or Hollaman.

Community Facts:

1. Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius. My husband being one of the retirees in this area. We chose Cannon because of its relation ship with the base and the affordability.
2. \$60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff. I am a Cancer survivor and to have the medical staff at Cannon work so closely with Plains Regional Medical Center is a plus. I don't think I would have received the care if I had been in an other area of the country.
3. Expansion to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University - classes offered on base. With the help of the education department class are held on base so that they are convenient for our troops.
4. New VA clinic opened this year. The base and the VA clinic work hand and hand so our troops that are getting ready to retire now their VA benefits
5. Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children. There are not many areas that think of the spouse of the military person, but Clovis does and with open arms hires the military spouse. There are many Day Care providers that work with the military spouse to help. When a spouse is deployed form here they are always willing to work with the family to help the children of the deployed spouse adjust to the family member being gone.
6. Many new housing developments are providing housing needs. Whether is be an apartment or a five bedroom home. Clovis and Portals has it. Housing is also affordable. Unlike the areas around Luke and Nellis where the Airman can hardly afford a one room apartment. The cost of living in these two areas have put Airman on FOOD STAMPS.
7. New restaurants, building suppliers, hotels, and retail businesses adding to the established base. The businesses are all ways helping out the active military person. Car dealer ships in Clovis offer discounts on car

purchases if you are active military. Not a lot of areas will do that for our troops.

8. New Civic Center under construction for increased community events. Many of the service men and women wanted to see more entertainment and events come to Clovis. So a new Civic Center was laid out for more community events.
9. Military discounts offered by local businesses in both cities. Not only that we have Air Force appreciation Days when the community gives the base a Big Old Fashion Bar-B-Que. The town goes all out to make sure that the base has a good time. The Golden Corral does a free dinner day with all you can eat for the military person, and there family
10. The best schools and teaching staff in NM. We have many schools in Clovis and Portales that help the kids of military family adjust to new situations. When my daughter moved down here from Plattsburgh, NY her teacher had a day of getting to know the area that she came from and the area that she had come to.
11. Christian based communities that are family oriented and caring. This area has all religions. And this area does not care if you are Jew, gentile, or Muslim. We have the Singapore Air Force here and they have joined into the community and have been welcomed here. They are part of our community.

One a personal note. I work out at Cannon AFB and I am a Shift Manager at the Cannon Shoppette Car Care Center. I have been with AAFES since 1986. My husband retired in 1984 when we came down here. I have seen the changes of this base. But the one thing that I have never seen is the change in the community. They have always worked with the base. They have always tried to make the Base personnel feel like this is home. They have always lent a helping hand to families in need. Please take the time to really look at this area and the people that make up our community. Rancher, farmers, Doctors, lawyers and Airman we are the community we are Cannon Clovis. Do not take the community apart.

As a note of my own. On Cannon Air Force Base we have two areas of National Wet Lands. These are protected lands under the government. We Cannon working so hard on keeping up with EPA and not having any major violations these lands will stay protected. However, if you were to close our base would these lands also be lost. I feel they would. National Wet Lands

should be protected and Cannon is the guardian of these lands. Do not take them away.

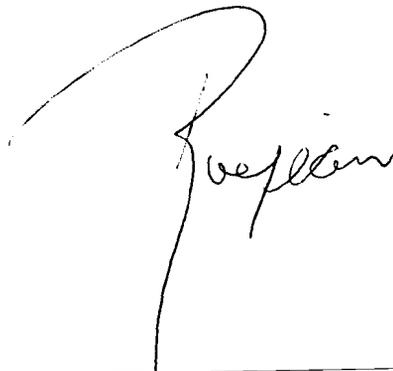
I feel that BRAC needs to take a closer look at what is going on at Cannon. We are still at War. Whether you want to admit it. Our troops are going over to Iraq and getting killed every day. Cannon is a home to many troops over there. Don't take their home away. I feel it is wrong at this time to close anything state side. Start closing the ineffective bases over seas. Bring our troops home to a home such as Cannon Air Force Base.

Thank you for you time. But please take the time to think this one out. We all know that it is Political and there are a lot of waste in the government. But there is NO waste at Cannon.

Enclosed you will find pictures of open space. This area is just south of Cannon note that if there were any problems there is nothing out there. The road ways are clear.

There are so many things to write. Amarillo depends on Cannon for a quick response if they were every to have a hazardous disaster. The fire department is needed. We have prairie fires Cannon Fire team is the best. We have families in this area that work with Family Services and they help as foster parents.

Please take a look again. Cannon is just not a training base but it is a community with in our community. Cannon has so much more to offer. We have put so much into Cannon. Cannon is needed.



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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to visit Clovis, New Mexico to hear why our Community believes Cannon should be removed from the BRAC list

Cannon has been a part of Clovis for over 50 years. The Citizens of Clovis have taken the news of the potential closure very personal. We have signs in windows and on buildings, buttons and bumper stickers. Clovis may not have all of the conveniences of some of the larger cities, but it does have heart and compassion for the military. The Community goes out of its way to show support for the base.

My family has only lived in Clovis for three years, but we have chosen to buy a home and stay here. The schools are great and the teachers actually contact parents with praise and concern. They sincerely want the children to succeed. Clovis has won many awards for education. Last month they receive an award for being one of Americas best 100 communities

for music. The High School Band has an outstanding reputation for excellence. I know this doesn't seem like it would have anything to do with the base, but the majority of these students are military children.

The impact of Cannon reaches every aspect of Clovis. Many of us work at Cannon or are affected by Cannon in some way. It means a great deal to us that you are concerned and will visit our town. Cannon is a great base and will be a great asset for years to come.

Jan Fitch
420 Chanticleer
Clovis NM 88101



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June 6, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission,

My name is Quannah Bold. I am 46 years old. My husband and I have been married for 29 years and we have lived in Clovis all of the 29 years. Before living in Clovis, we both were raised in the rural areas of Curry County. We have raised two children here and now we have a precious grandson who will also grow up here. I am writing this letter to you with hopes that it will help you to know “the little persons” perspective of the possible closing of CAFB.

We were shocked, upset, and concerned when we heard the news about CAFB being on the closure list. The closure would affect our lives in so many ways that I can only try to communicate the devastation it would have on us. For that matter, it would affect every “left behind” citizen of Clovis.

Socially I cannot tell you what a blessing it is to have the influence of people who have lived and experienced the cultures of other parts of the world. Their influence and knowledge are priceless to our New Mexico culture. I am in contact with Cannon personnel because of our business. I want you to know that I cannot even count the times that I have heard, “We couldn’t believe we were stationed at Cannon . . . Where is Clovis, New Mexico?????” BUT, not one person have I ever heard of . . . wanted to leave when it was time to go. There is an appeal about Clovis that is just “plain old-fashioned” good. We have a “homey” feeling and no one wants to leave once they’ve experienced it. I’ve known of several families that have even requested to be stationed back at CAFB when they had the opportunity to live in more exotic areas. Our town really does cater to CAFB. We realize the value of the people, the purpose

Spiritually Aside from that aspect, our church, FCFC, is a big percentage of military people. Every race, every color is represented – largely because of CAFB. We have grown to love and care for one another. We pray together, we read and are taught the bible together. Oh, how devastating it would be to have that taken away from us.

Financially Clovis has experience somewhat of a “boom” within the last few years. Realizing that — we tried to improve our lifestyle and plan for our retirement by investing in numerous apartments. 80% of our residents are military. We are, by far, not the only people who have heavily invested in Clovis real estate with great plans for our future because of the growth of Clovis. The market is saturated with new homes, new apartments, and new developments. I don’t even allow myself to think of the financial devastation possible if CAFB is closed.

We sincerely ask you to reconsider CAFB. Please don't take it from us. Surely, there is some way to keep our area from losing CAFB. I hope that you can somehow understand that Clovis is Cannon Air Force Base (CAFB). CAFB is loved by Clovis and Clovis is loved by CAFB. It is part of our heritage, it is part of our culture, it is part of our daily lives, it is part of our financial stability, it is part of our being. Please ----- don't take that away.

With our greatest respect for your position and for the responsibility you have with so many lives—we pray God's direction for you to know and understand.

Very Sincerely,

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Quanah Bold
212 Lakeview Terr.
Clovis, NM 88101

1512 Kingston Place
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May 27, 2005

Mr. Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

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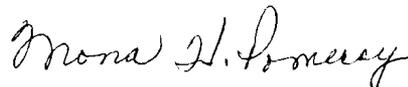
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Mona H. Pomeroy

Brig. General Sue Turner
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Brig. General Turner:

I am deeply troubled every time that I read about more cuts in our military. I think those who are making these decisions are making serious mistakes. Who would have thought we would be doing hand-to-hand combat or fighting against car bombs as I have seen on TV? We have become the "peacekeeper" of the world, and we are expected to perform miracles at a moment's notice. There will always be a war somewhere—that is just the world we live in. I would much rather fight the enemy overseas than fight him on my doorstep. We have got to have the best prepared and strongest Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine armed forces in the world!!

I know there is a terrible amount of waste and excessive spending in the military and in government in general. Millions of dollars have been spent on Cannon Air Force Base in recent years. To close Cannon now would just be another example of waste of taxpayer money. I cannot believe Cannon is on the closure list! Surely with all of the improvements to the base, something can be done to utilize it. New planes are in the pipeline, and they have to have a home base—why not at Cannon? I know you have heard over and over the reasons for not closing Cannon. However, I must emphasize the availability of air space and ideal flying weather that we have here in eastern New Mexico.

The personnel at CAFB are like family to us. They are a part of our community, our churches, our schools, our neighborhoods, and many of their spouses are part of our workforce. Cannon has given so much to us—but we have also given so much to Cannon and the Air Force in general. We have reached out and supported the base 110%--in every way possible—financially, morally, spiritually and have never wavered from this support. The ripple of loss that will be felt in this community if Cannon is closed is unimaginable. Please keep Cannon open. Cannon is a vital part of the Air Force and a vital part of Clovis.

Sincerely,



Lynda Milburn

1512 Kingston Place
Clovis, NM 88101
May 27, 2005

Mr. Samuel Knox Skinner
BRAC Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

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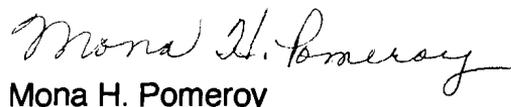
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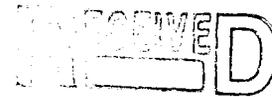
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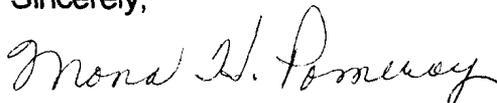
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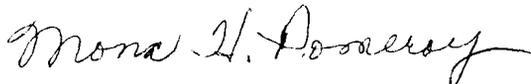
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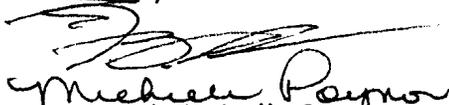
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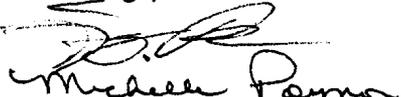
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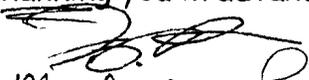
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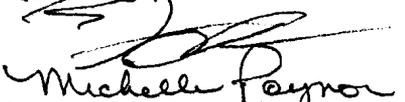
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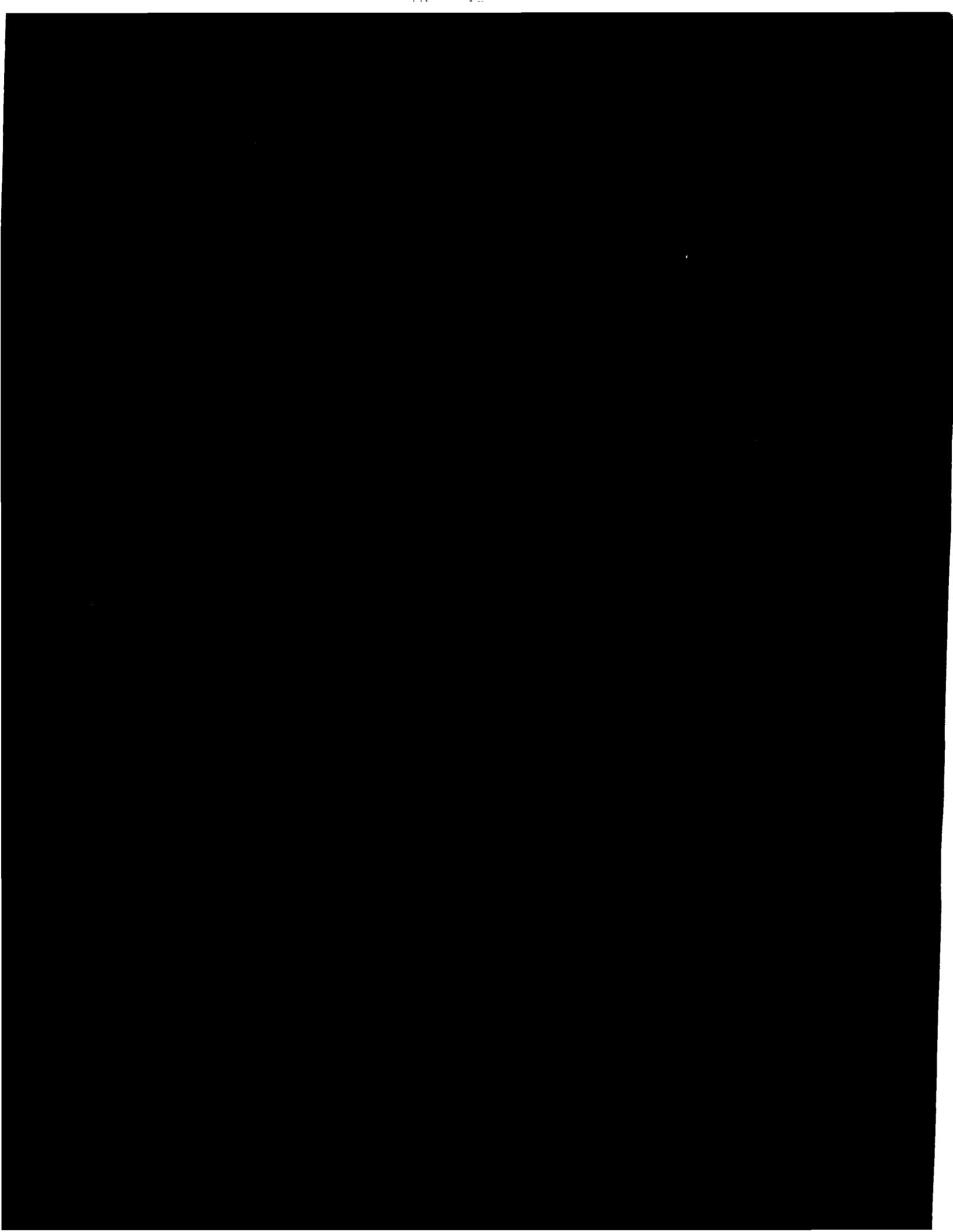
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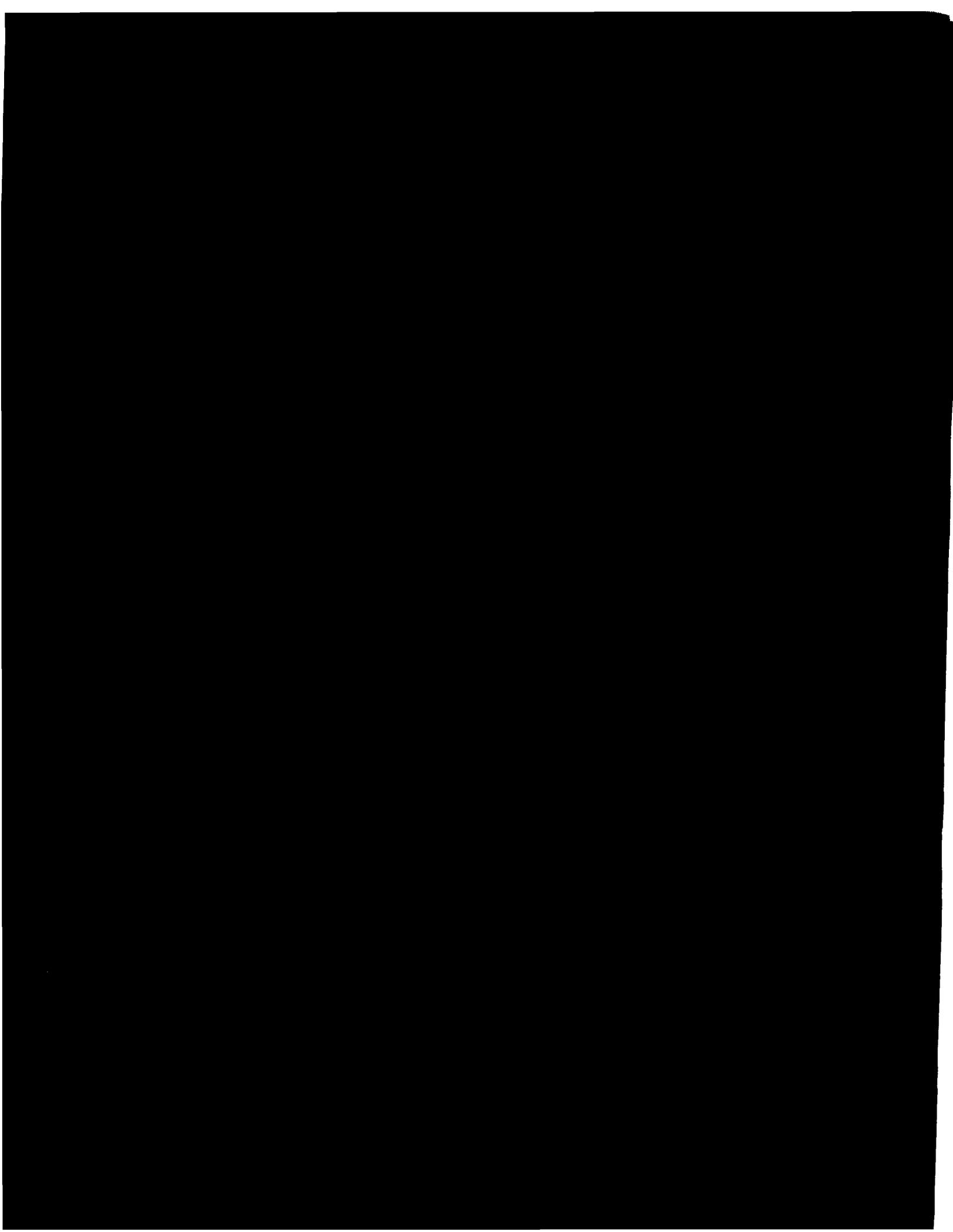
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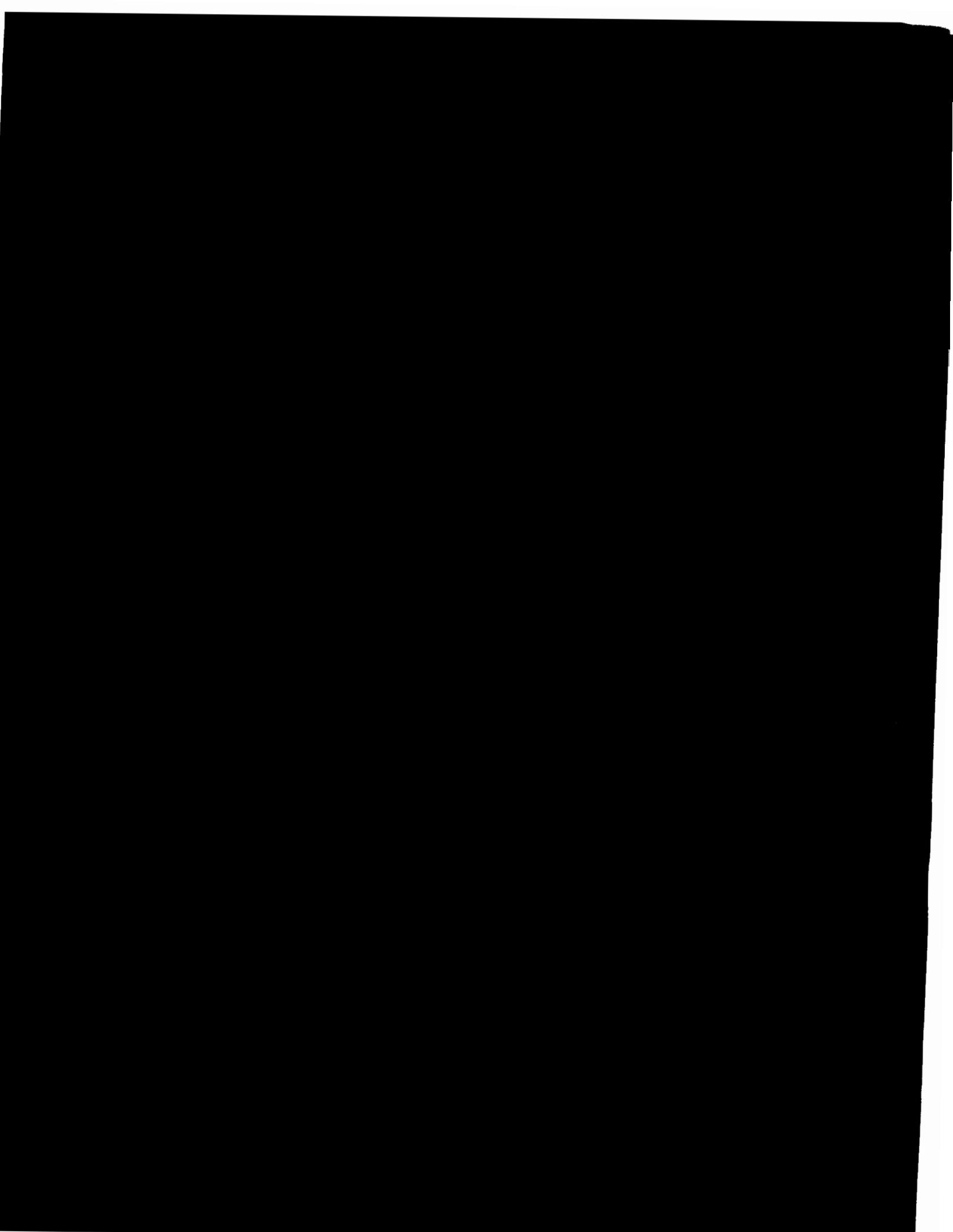
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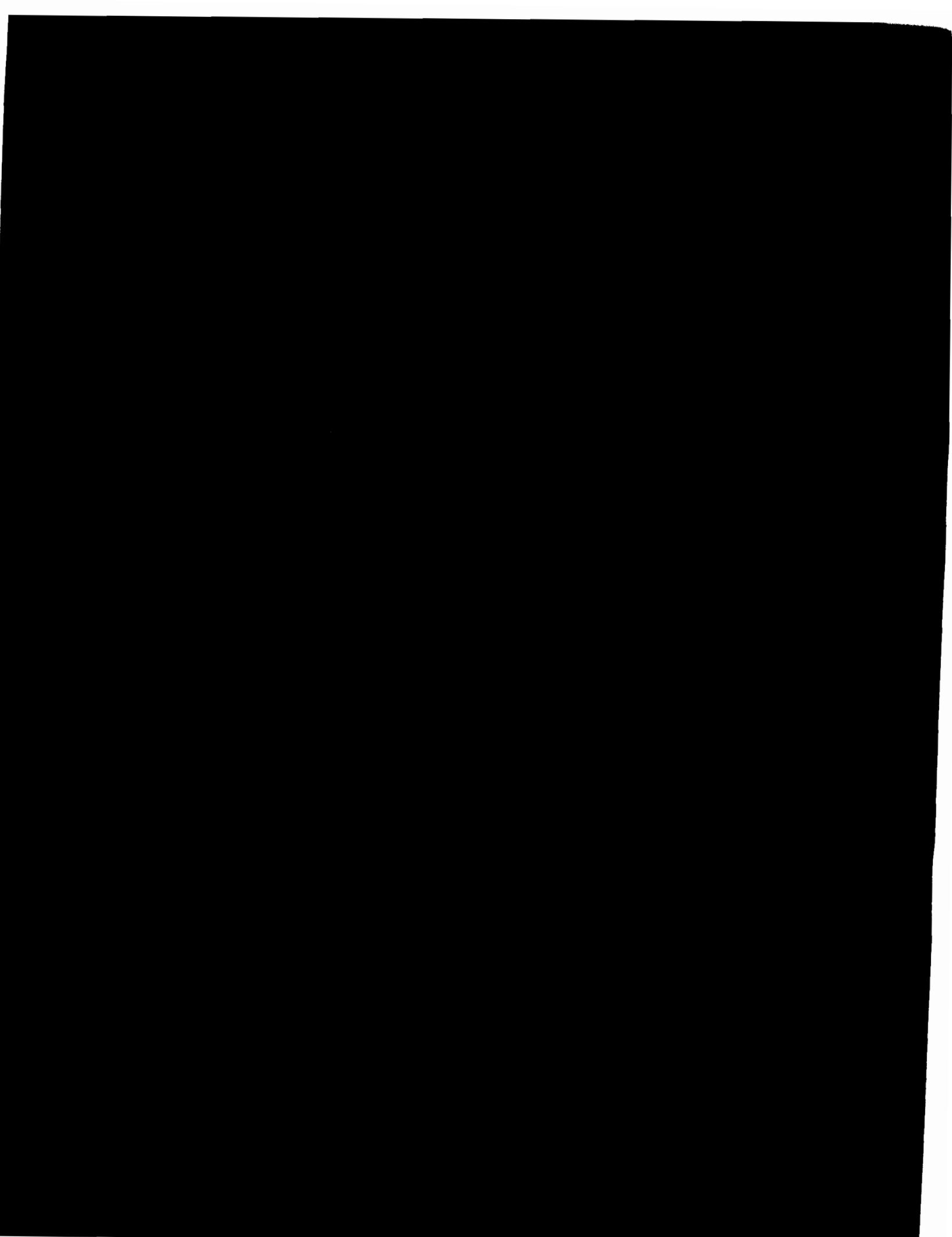
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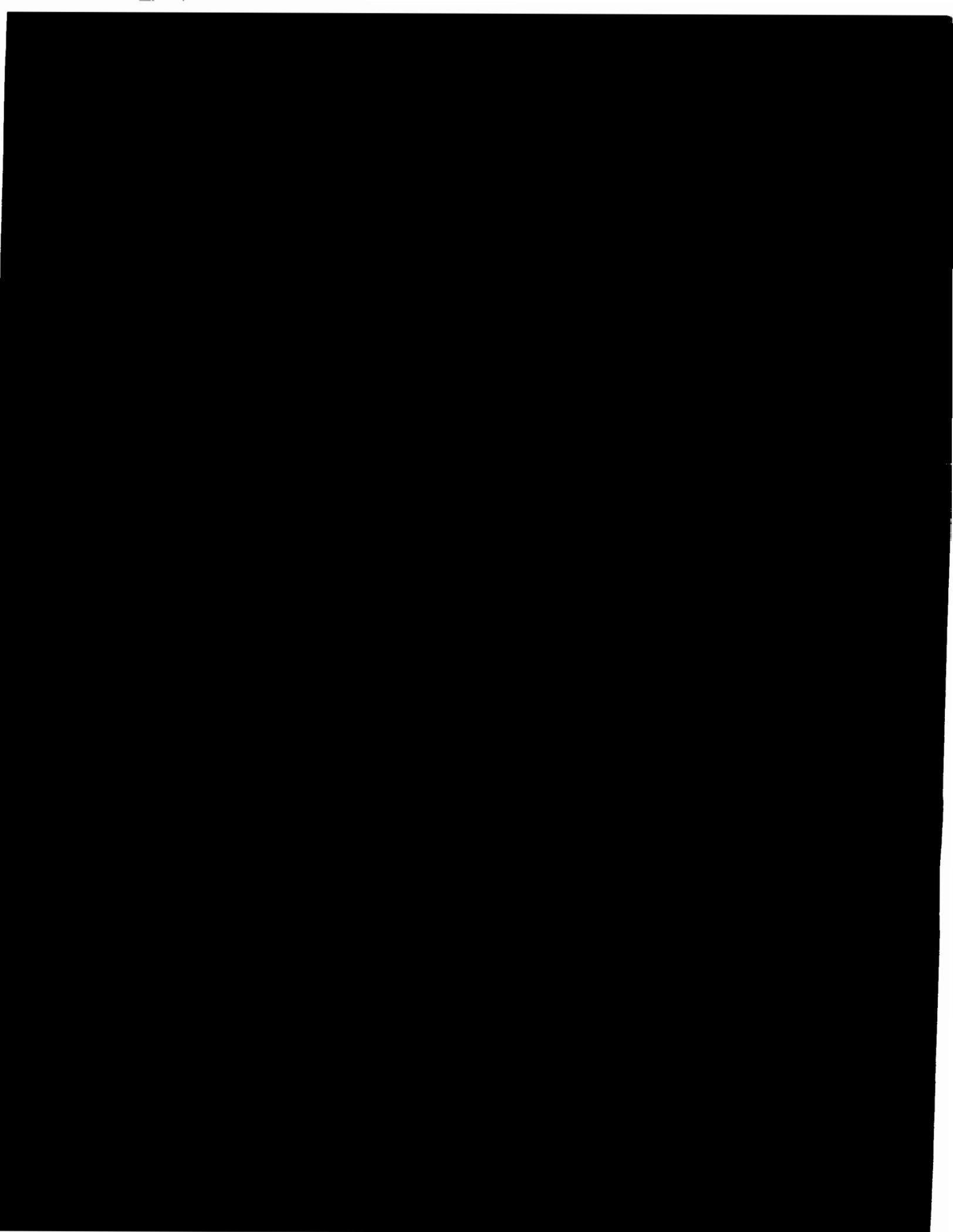

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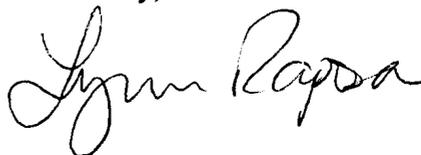
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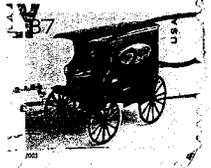
ANTHONY WAYNE STATUE. Sculpted by Henry K. Bush-Brown, the statue was unveiled in 1908. It stands on the hillside where General Wayne's Pennsylvania troops camped during the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental army.

(Photo by Ken Block)

BRAC Commission

JUL 15 2005

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Sir,

We have watched at least a half dozen base closure proceedings. We wonder and ask what criteria to arrive at your findings seem to have gotten so screwed up? Too few on commission? Too few on software? Location, location, location for investors?

T. G. Cox.

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May 20, 2005

Sherry Moon
PO Box 52

Portales NM 88130 - 17 miles from Cannon AFB

Dear Brigadier General Sue E. Turner,

First and foremost, your service to this country
is appreciated and respected.

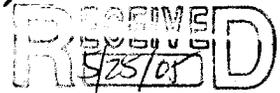
The BRAC Commission's decision to Close
Cannon AFB or any other base is unsettling.

What good is Social Security if we do not
feel that we have Defense Security?

Please help keep all our bases open.

Sincerely,

Sherry Moon



General Lloyd W. Newton,

Please take time to reconsider closing Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. I am sure the other bases have strong arguments, but I do not feel their arguments can be as compelling as ours.

Here are a few points I hope you consider:

1. Cannon does not fit criteria for closure
2. Ability to fly supersonic
3. Weather = year round training
4. Bombing range w/n seconds
5. Good candidate for F-22 training
6. Devastating impact on community/surrounding area

Thank you for taking time to consider these points. There are several other points I hope you consider on your visit.

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5/23/05
Sincerely,
Coach Mike Walton

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner,

I am writing in an attempt to persuade you to fully consider removing Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM. I have no doubt the other bases have strong arguments, but I feel our is the most compelling.

I do not have enough room to list our argument. It will be layed out for you on your visit. I hope your keep an open mind.

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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Defense Department's proposal to move tens of thousands of workers from the District and Arlington, VA to Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir, areas lacking the transportation infrastructure to accommodate those workers.

In addition:

BRAC law was VIOLATED during The process
you ignored The fact That some of The leased bldgs have been made secure
Requirement for SETA contractors to be in proximity to DAREA was ignored

Please find a way to improve security for our offices without subjecting our communities and families to worse traffic, a major disruption of our lives and careers, and high taxes to build new infrastructure when Arlington & DC are already well served by transit, carpools, and walking.

Name: D. A. Sheffer

Email: _____

Phone: 703-578-0364

Address: 3739 Keller Ave
Alexandria, VA 22302

cc: Sen. Warner, Sen. Allen, Rep. Davis, Rep. Moran

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In Arlington and DC**



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Near Metro**

2005 Defense BRAC Commission
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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
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Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Hi Hon, NGA

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or place in the collection box located at the Republican booth on the carnival grounds.

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Date: 05/25/05 11:34:10
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Daniel L Eifert () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 11:34:09

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MAY 25 2005
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platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 151 Lock street

city: lockport

state: NY

zip: 14094

comments: According to a news article the Air Force did not follow its own rules on choosing the base

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Jeffrey Hoch)
Date: 05/25/05 15:28:28
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jeffrey Hoch () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 15:28:26

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 23 Lehigh St.

city: Sloan

state: NY

zip: 14206

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Charles Giarrizzo)
Date: 05/24/05 15:40:54
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Charles Giarrizzo () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:40:52

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 2952 Seneca Avenue

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14305

comments: Our region continues to struggle economically. Growth is almost non existent. The area has great difficulty attracting new business and employment opportunites. You have the power to prevent further blood loss.

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Richard L. Parson)
Date: 05/25/05 12:53:11
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Pctition

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platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address): 4249 Bailey Avenue

city: Amherst

state: New York

zip: 14226

comments: It seems to make no sense to close a base that supports the Air Bridge over the Atlantic but to keep open bases that are in the interior. BY moving planes to the interior, you incur additional costs for fuel, maintenance and wear and tear on the airframes. The air base is a multi-use facility which is cheaper to operate than a stand alone facility. The 107th was one of the first to respond to the Sept. 11th attacks by refueling the fighter planes that were patrolling over NY City and Washington DC. We offer much to the community. Please don't take that away.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (Sandra Lee A. Digati)
Date: 05/24/05 16:18:00
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sandra Lee A. Digati () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:01:48

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 60 Periwinkle Court

city: East Amherst

state: NY

zip: 14051

comments: For the Safety, Security and Economy of the Western New York Community and the military personnel, civilian employees and community at large, please do not close the base. It's strategic location in the community is critical.

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Chanthala Vongdara)
Date: 05/25/05 12:24:58
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Chanthala Vongdara () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 12:24:56

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 2481 Sheridan Dr. APT#7

city: Tonawanda

state: NY

zip: 14150

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (Gloira Jean Swope)
Date: 05/25/05 09:52:48
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gloira Jean Swope () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:52:47

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 869 Whitney Avenue

city: Lexington

state: Kentucky

zip: 40508

comments: Decreasing these bases, decreases security for our country. Poor organization, planning, implementaion and interpretation creates misuse of financial funding.

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Polly D'Angelo)
Date: 05/24/05 15:42:07
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Polly D'Angelo () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:42:05

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 5745 Bridgeman Road

city: Sanborn

state: NY

zip: 14132

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (Christopher G. Bellegia)
Date: 05/24/05 15:47:58
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Pctition



Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Christopher G. Bellegia () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 14:57:57

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 7403 Frontier Avenue

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

comments: The base needs to stay !!!

submit: Submit Petition

From: (patricia.j.gallagher)
Date: 05/24/05 15:47:59
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by patricia.j.gallagher () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:10:50

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 19 new york street

city: lockport

state: NY

zip: 14094

comments: this base is a necessity both security wise and economically!!!!

submit: Submit Petition

From: (sylvia doxtater)
Date: 05/24/05 16:07:50
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
sylvia doxtater () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 16:07:48

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 133 e. somerset ave.

city: tonawanda

state: n.y.

zip: 14150

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (Vicki L. Turner)
Date: 05/24/05 15:41:00
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Vicki L. Turner () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:40:58

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 628 Wurlitzer Drive

city: North Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14120

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (Michael John Oliver)
Date: 05/24/05 13:32:04
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael John Oliver () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 13:32:02

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 207 Woodberry Rd, NE

city: Leesburg

state: VA

zip: 20176

comments: Two great organizations that are vital to the airlift and air refueling mission of the Air National Guard and US Air Force. Please keep this facility and it's people flying and fighting.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (John P. Rabcewicz)
Date: 05/24/05 17:15:20
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John P. Rabcewicz () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 17:15:18

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 386 Westwood Road

city: Lancaster

state: NY

zip: 14086

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Marion Stephen Maczka)
Date: 05/24/05 15:47:59
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Pctition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marion Stephen Maczka () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:20:25

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 68 Lafayette Blvd.

city: Williamsville

state: New York

zip: 14221-6410

comments: I consider this base part of the the requirements for effective border security plus support for numerous world wide armed forces deployment support.

It also provides significant community support plus employment opportunities for firemen and local citizens.

submit: Submit Petition

From: (Frank D. Renzi)
Date: 05/25/05 10:17:26
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Frank D. Renzi () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 10:17:24

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 252 Lister Ave.

city: Falconer

state: New York

zip: 14733

comments: A lot of people have sacrificed thier lives, careers, time, and families to support thier missions. Now is not the time to do this. You should help support them. They are dedicated and loyal.

submit: [Submit Petition](#)

From: (John W. Shepard)
Date: 05/24/05 15:49:20
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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John W. Shepard () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 15:49:18

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 5502 Forest Hill Rd.

city: Lockport

state: New York

zip: 14094

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: Submit Petition



Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:45 AM

From:

To: info@nlmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Catherine L. Sepulveda () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 08:45:20

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 230 Fredericka St.

city: North Tonawanda

state: NY

zip: 14120

comments: Enter your own comments here.
Our local economy is already in jeopardy. Closing the Base will devastate.

submit: Submit Petition

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From: (Parker Addison Case)
Date: 05/25/05 12:05:20
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Parker Addison Case () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 12:05:19

05272005

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 4104 Seneca Parkway

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14304

submit: Submit Petition



Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:06 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Elizabeth C. Hirsch on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 08:06:21

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 6720 Chesley Court

city: East Amherst

state: NY

zip: 14051

comments: The Military and the Niagara Falls Air Base is a wonderful asset to our community and I (we) support them!!!!

submit: Submit Petition

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From: (Colleen Generoso)
Date: 05/24/05 16:48:34
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Colleen Generoso () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 16:48:32

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 251 Oakbrook Dr.

city: West Seneca

state: ny

zip: 14224

submit: Submit Petition

BRAC Commission
Washington DC
C/o Niagara Military Affairs Council
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Jill Waz
6657 Royal Parkway South
Lockport, NY 14094

Dear Sirs:

It is unwise and unfair to close Niagara Falls Air Force Base.

- Niagara Falls Air Base is reassuring to a community who borders Canada, the great lakes and our fresh water supply, is home to many chemical plants, and Niagara Falls a world wonder and the major power supplier for the East Coast, which could be targets of terrorists.
- The Niagara Falls Air Force Base has been underutilized and has a tremendous amount of community support.
- The runway is long enough for the largest planes, C-5's, B-52's, F-16's etc. At 9,825 feet it's long enough to land anything that flies.
- The C-130 planes are more newly equipped than other bases and are very well maintained by full time ART staff and reservists.
- The Service people at Niagara Falls Base have been activated and effectively utilized for a great number of missions in its 50 year history. Closing the base and eliminating jobs is poor treatment for those who have sacrificed for our country.
- Niagara Falls Air Base has an illustrious history in aviation since the 1940's. Here the first helicopter and supersonic plane took flight.
- The Niagara Falls Air force Base is the second largest employer in Niagara County; and its closure would be devastating to the local and regional economy, which is already in a troubled state.
- It is unwise in the midst of the threat of terrorism, illegal border crossings, and a war overseas with no end in sight.

Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base must not be closed.

Jill Waz

**BRAC Commission
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6/23/2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

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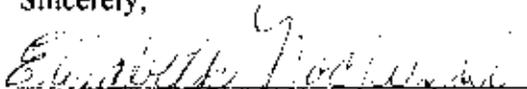
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Sincerely,


(A concerned Citizen)



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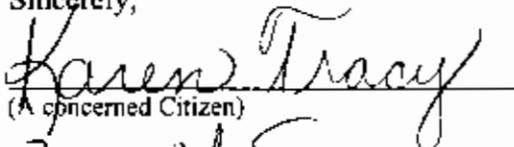
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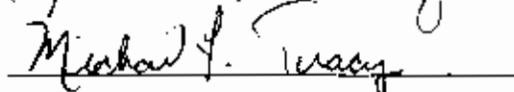
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(A concerned Citizen)



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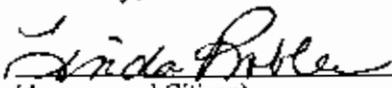
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Sincerely,

Tracy Caruso

(A concerned Citizen)

5498 Hallmark Lane
Wickport, NY 14094

May 16, 2005

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**BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C.**

SAVE OUR BASE!!!!

Save the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Home of the 914th Air Lift Wing and the 107th Air National Guard Refueling Wing.

We need our base.....the City of Niagara Falls needs our base, Niagara County needs our base, the Western New York area needs our base, our country needs our base.

Save the jobs of the men and women who serve and defend our country and all the civilians employed at the base.

**Claudia Petrosian
456 Fuller Place
Lewiston NY 14092**

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves?

Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

~~I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.~~

Sincerely,

Dean A. Castron (MSG, USAF, Ret.)

(A Concerned Citizen)

10531 Westerwald Lane

(Address)

Clarence, NY 14031

(City, State, Zip)

613105

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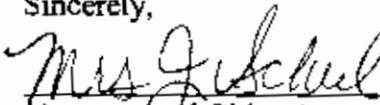
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Sincerely,


(A concerned Citizen)

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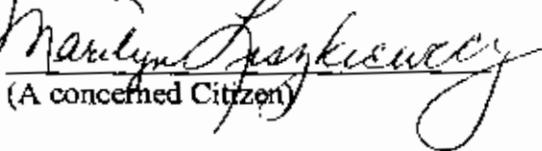
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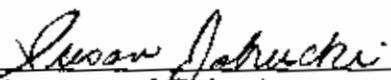
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(A concerned citizen)

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Sincerely,

Lisa Arnett
(A concerned Citizen)

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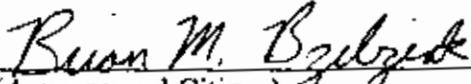
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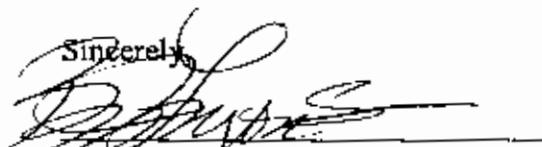
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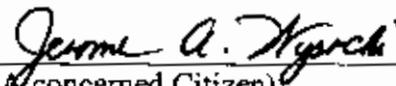
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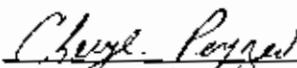
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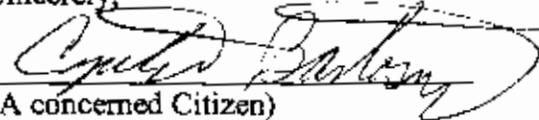
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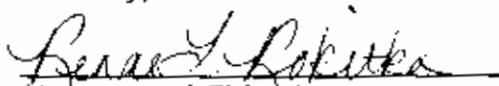
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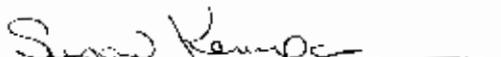
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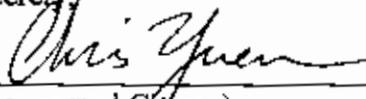
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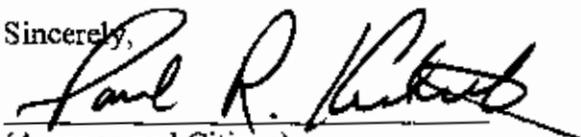
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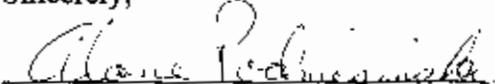
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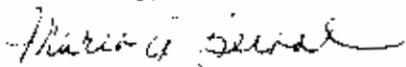
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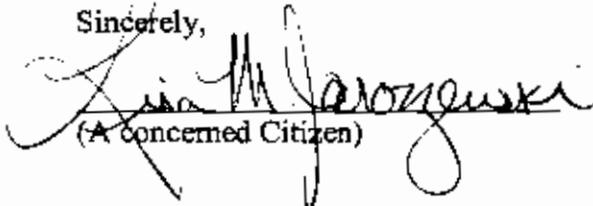
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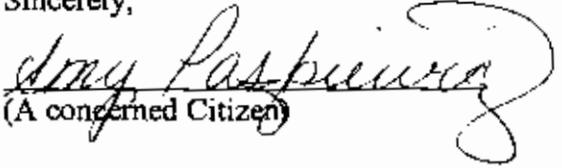
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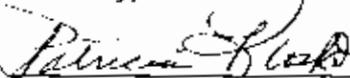
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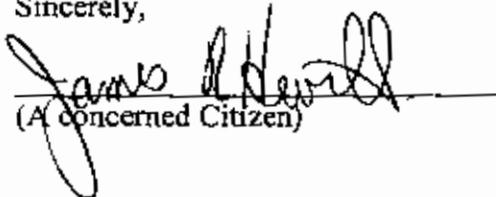
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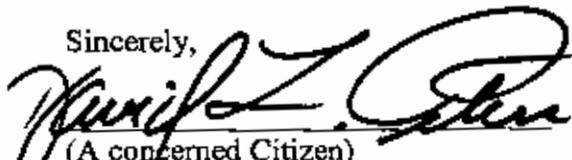
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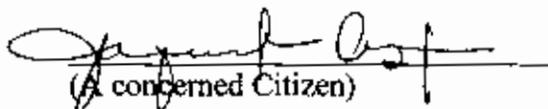
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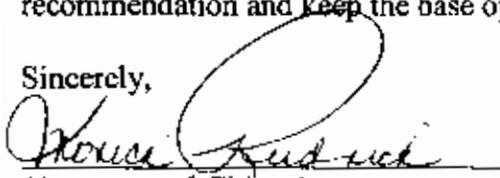
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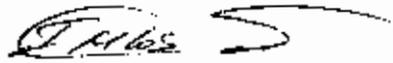
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