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General Lloyd Newton
BRAC Commission

Dear General:

There's nothing I can tell you about this situation that you don't already know. You understand supportive communities, big, empty skies, small-town values, patriotism. And I understand aging F-16's, four bases in a population density that would barely fill San Diego county, and the constant pressure on the Armed Services to make every dollar count.

I hope you can consider the hidden strategic significance of CAFB – its security, its remoteness from distracting urban and industrial incursion, and its record of community support. Smarter people can provide you with economic data, but you already know what a Base like Cannon means to a community like ours. Please let us show you how much more supportive we can be. Allow us to keep Cannon.

Sincerely,

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