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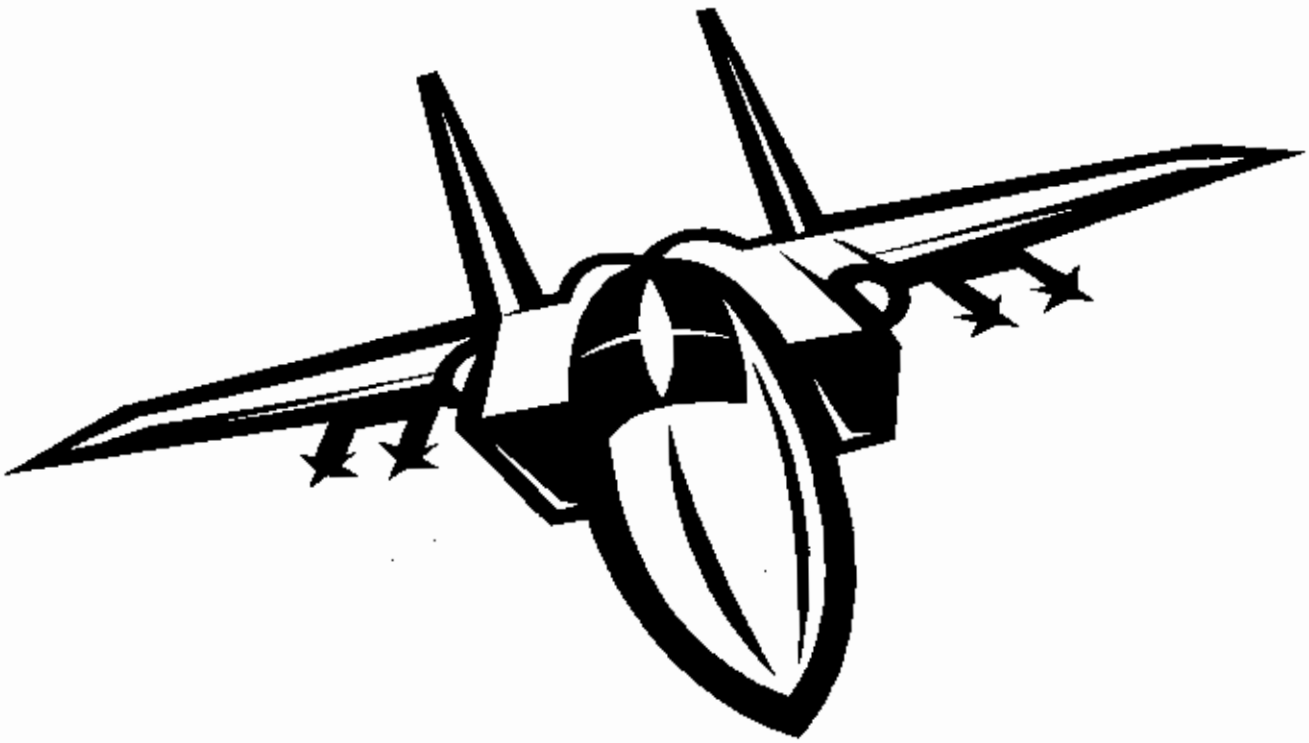

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Signed: Paula Beryl Ann McAlister

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Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues, the future use of super sonic flying, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability. In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runways at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin their training operations over the area.

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon AFB and GAVE them the to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land North of Cannon AFB and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land West of Cannon and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon AFB and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon AFB for healthcare, grocery shopping, and more.

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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Clovis, NM 88101

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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely; Chris Flores

Clovis, NM 88101

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OPERATION KEEP CANNON

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June 10, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S. Clark St.
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Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

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It is most difficult to understand why, as CANNON has met, in fact exceeded the requirements of the Pentagon Officials who developed the closure list. Millions of dollars have been spent recently on expanding the fire station, hospital, runway and the overpass.

It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.

I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

President George W. Bush
The White House

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Santa Fe, NM

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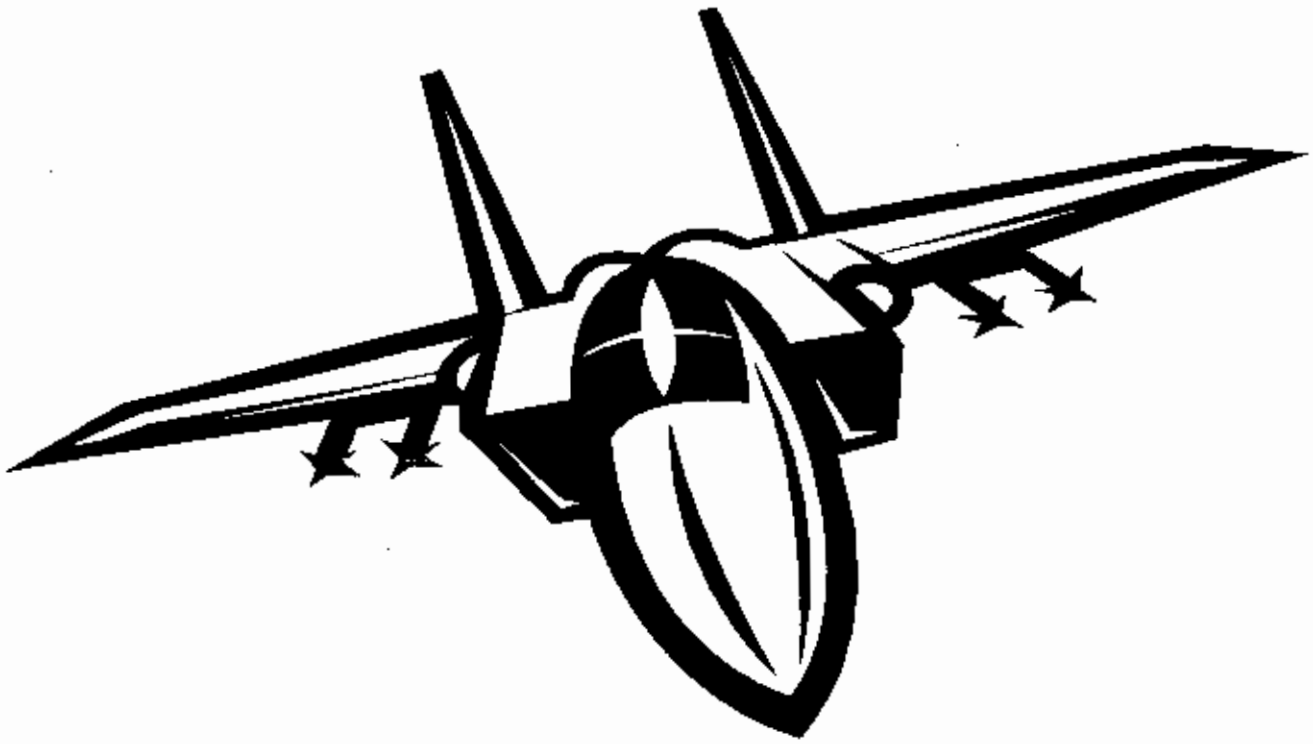

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PS 1 Dreamcatcher Trail
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Signed: Stephanie D. Boynton

Address: 2409 Williams Ave Clovis nm 88101

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It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;

Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

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