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Gen. Lloyd Newton
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Re: Cannon Air force Base, Clovis, NM

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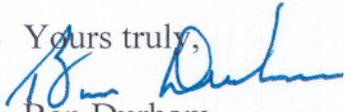
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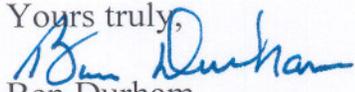
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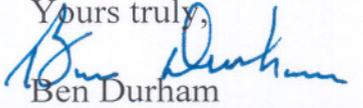
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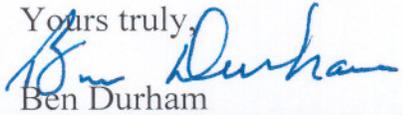
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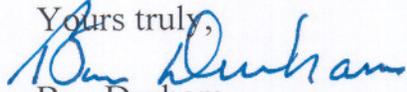
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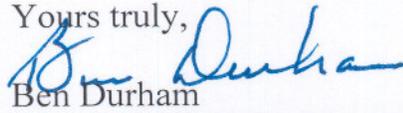
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