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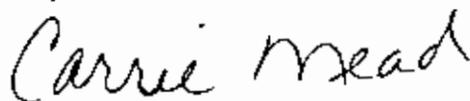
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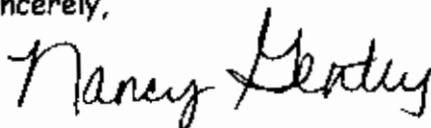
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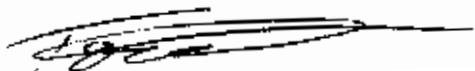
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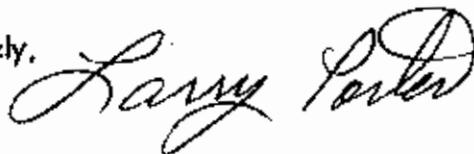
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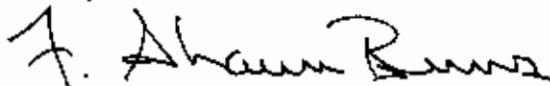
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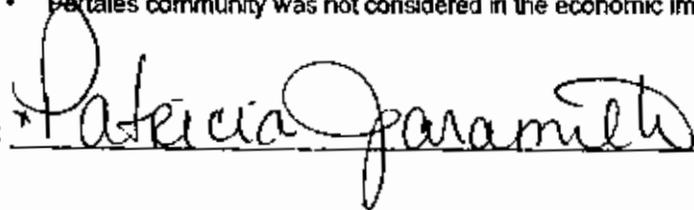
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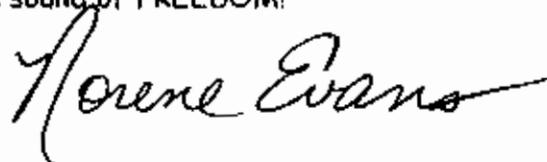
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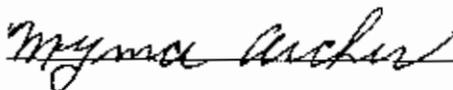
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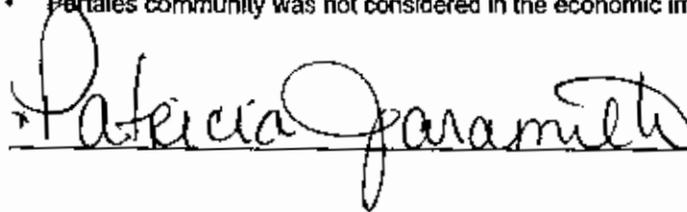
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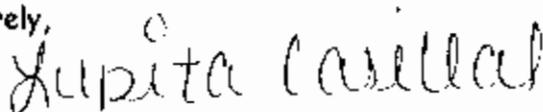
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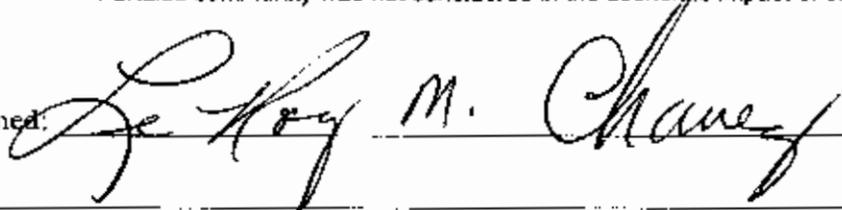
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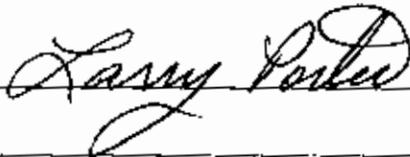
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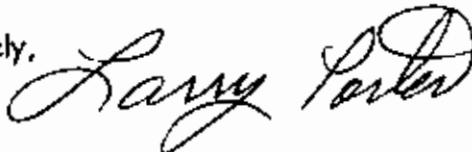
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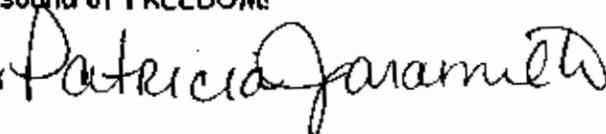
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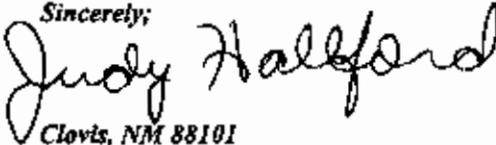
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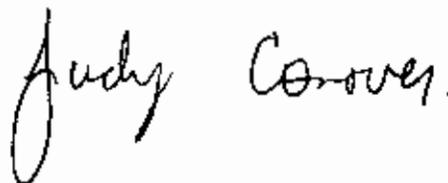
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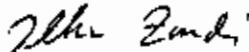
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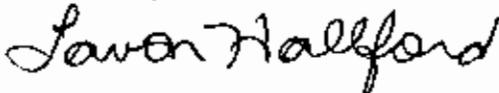
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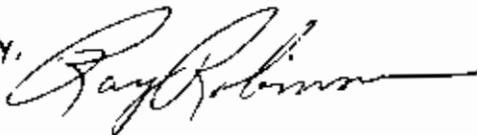
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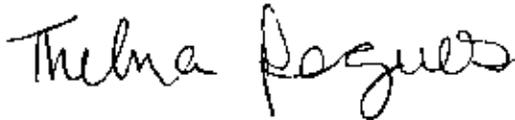
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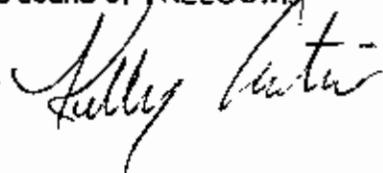
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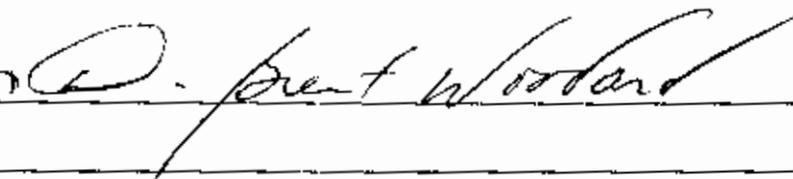
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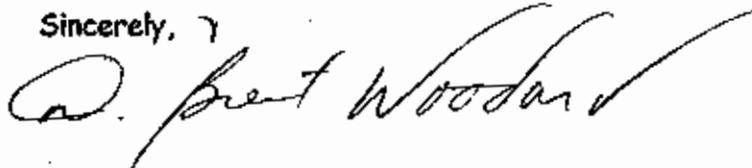
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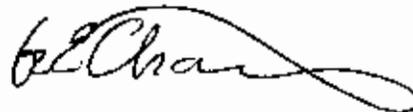
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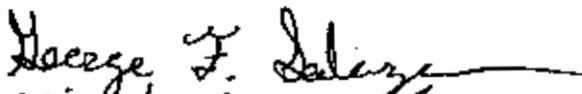
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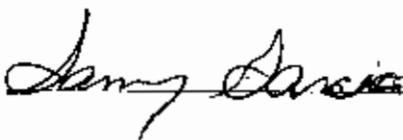
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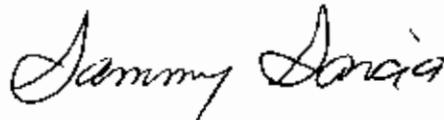
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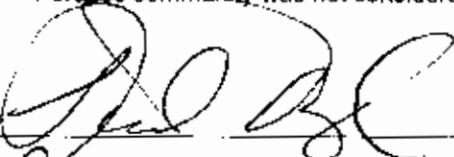
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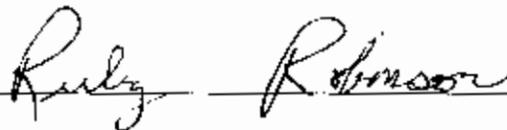
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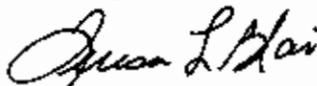
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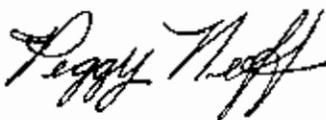
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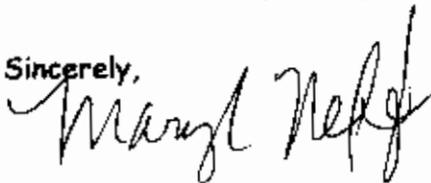
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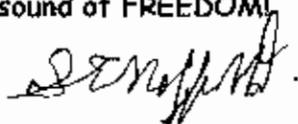
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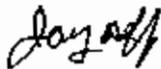
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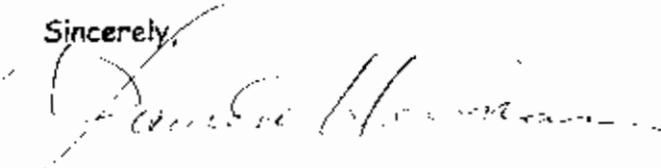
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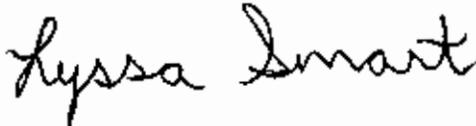
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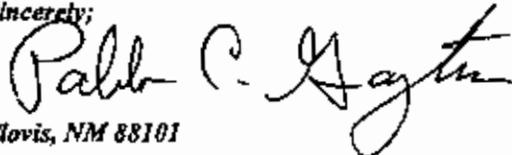
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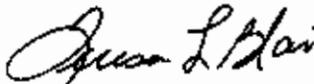
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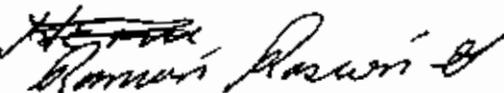
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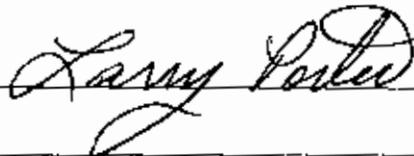
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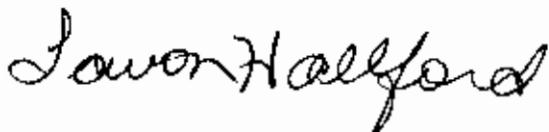
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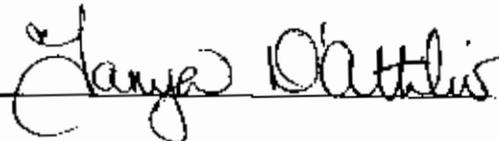
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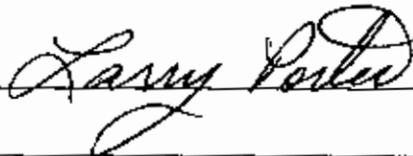
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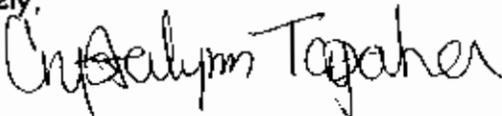
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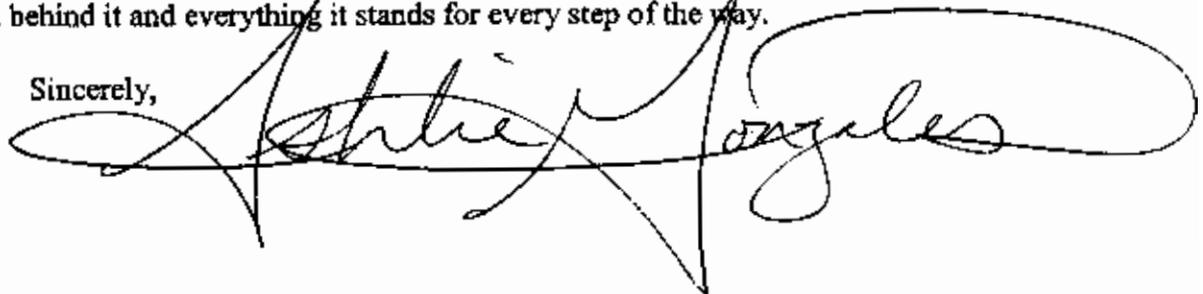
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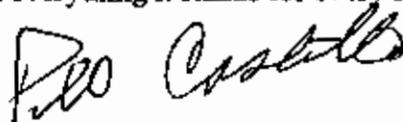
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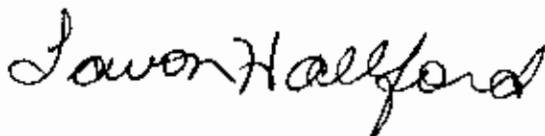
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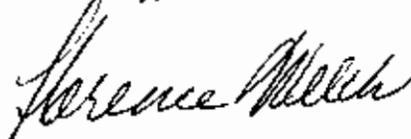
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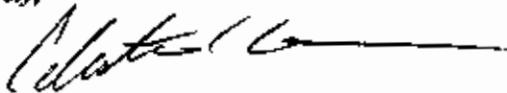
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

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Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

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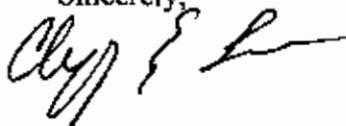
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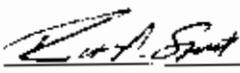
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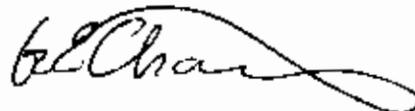
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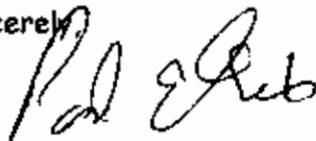
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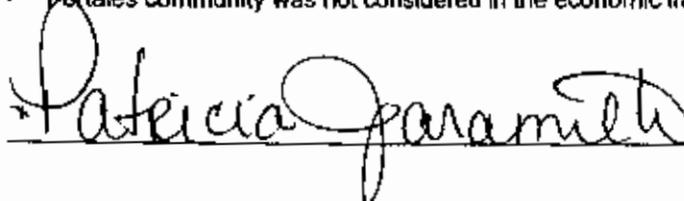
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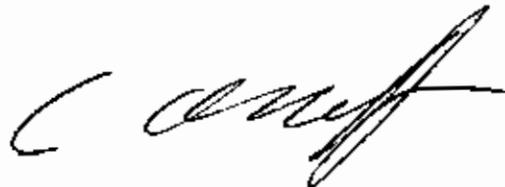
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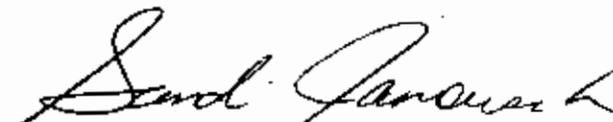
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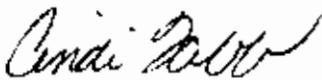
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;



Clovis, NM 88101

cc:

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The White House*

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Santa Fe, NM*

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238 Hart Senate Office Bldg.*

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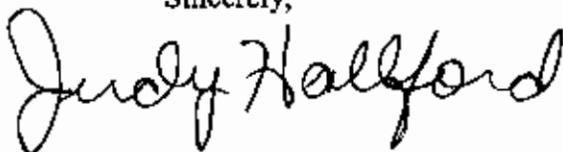
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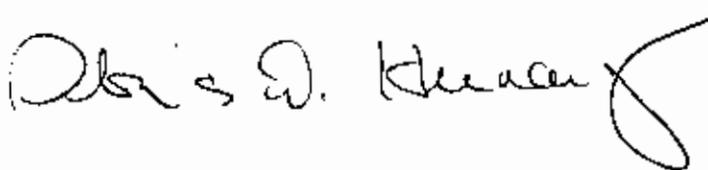
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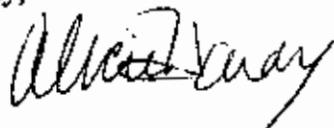
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**General James T. Hill
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I have listed the following facts about the criteria to close Cannon and the actual facts:

Cannon AFB Fact Sheet

The Defense Base Closure Realignment Act states that the Commission may make changes in any of the recommendations if it determines that the Secretary of Defense substantially deviated from the force structure plan and final criteria.

The DOD deviated substantially from the final BRAC criteria and Force Structure plan, and Cannon should be removed from the Closure List.

BRAC Criteria incorrectly evaluated: Military Value, Cost Savings, and Economic Impact. Further, Force Structure implications were not comprehensively considered.

BRAC CRITERIA

Military Value*:

Military Capability Index (MCI) calculations and subsequent analyses led to inaccurate conclusions attributable to flawed data and included areas such as, encroachment, proximity to airspace, proximity to low level routes, range complex, operational hours, buildable acres, auxiliary airfields, and the New Mexico Training Range Initiative (NMTRI). The Air Force concluded that Cannon AFB ranked as the 50th base in the

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FORCE STRUCTURE

Cannon is an irreplaceable asset and offers invaluable future flexibility and versatility. Future Force Structure must consider issues such as: Strategic Depth, Joint Training, Contingency Operations, Possible Future Missions, and Quality of Life/ Retention Issues. Cannon supports all of these areas.

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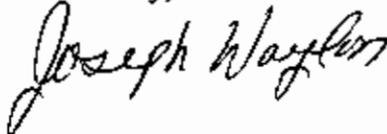
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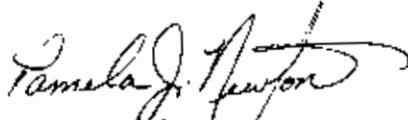
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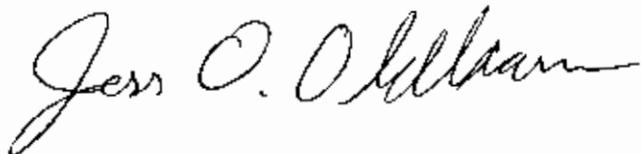
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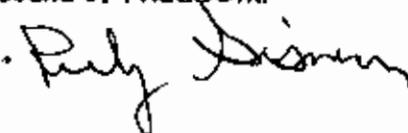
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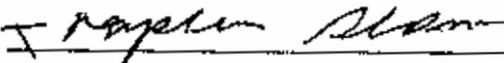
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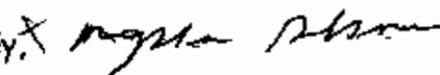
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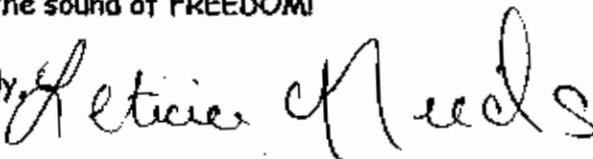
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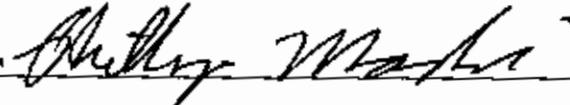
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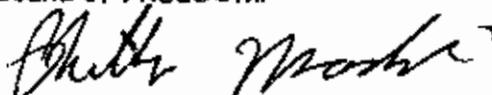
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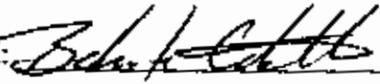
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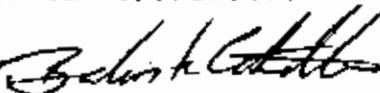
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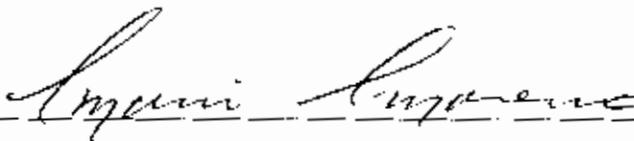
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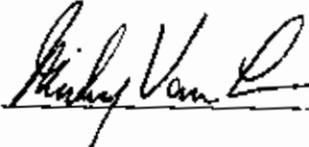
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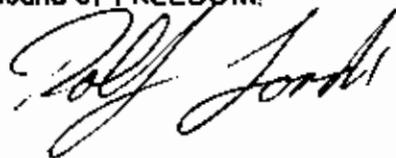
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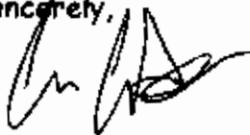
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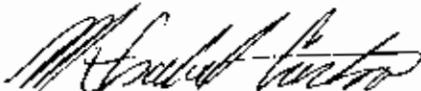
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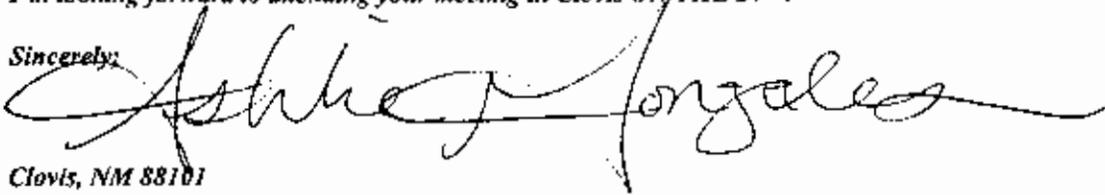
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It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.

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

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Clovis, NM 88101

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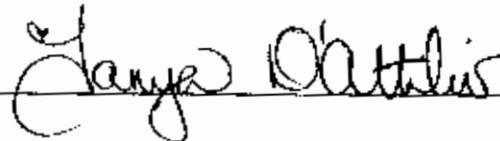
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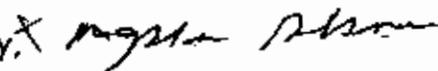
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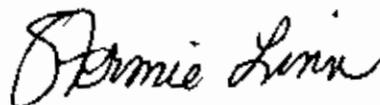
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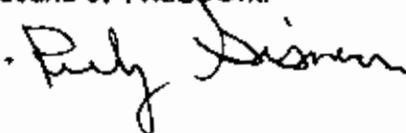
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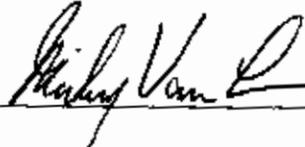
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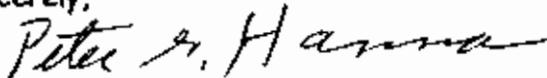
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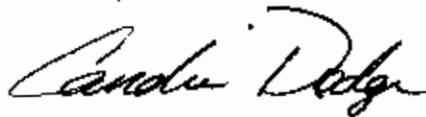
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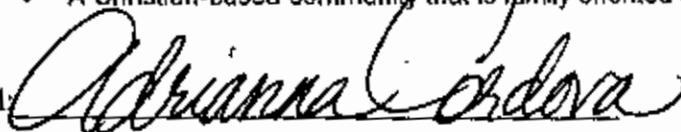
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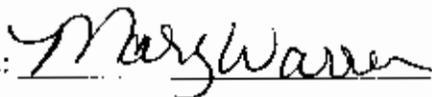
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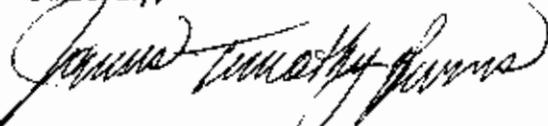
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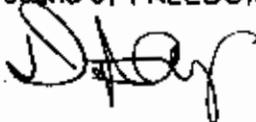
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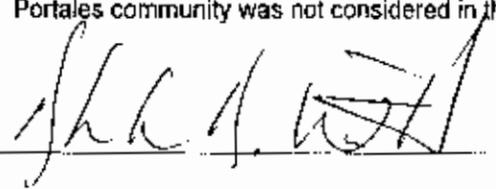
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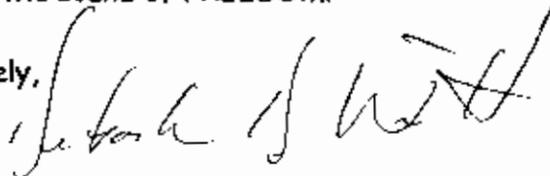
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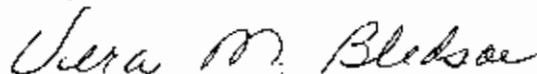
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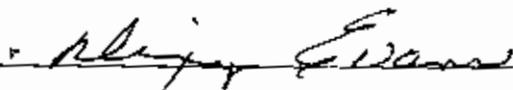
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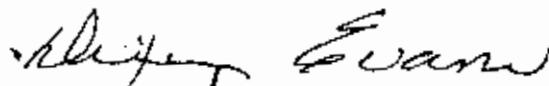
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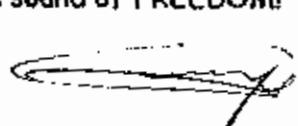
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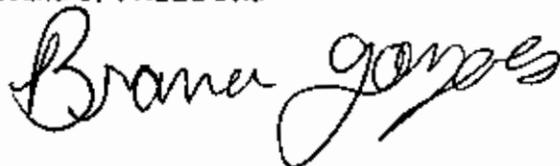
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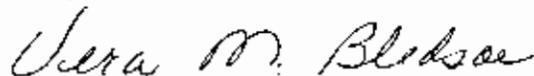
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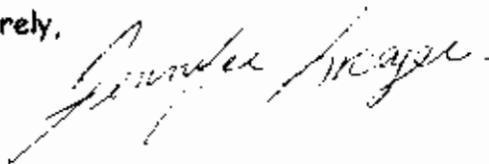
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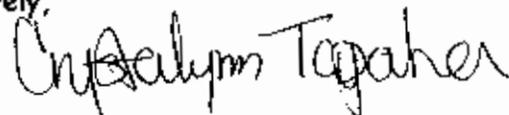
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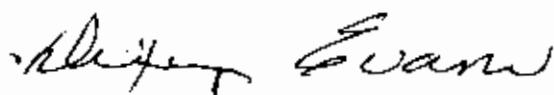
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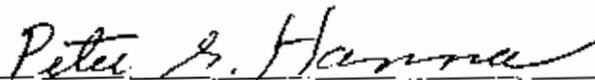
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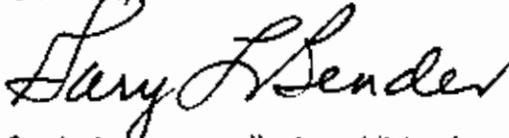
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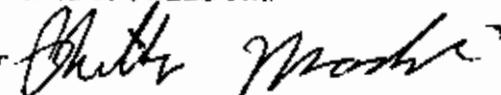
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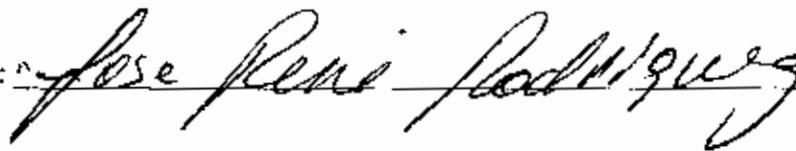
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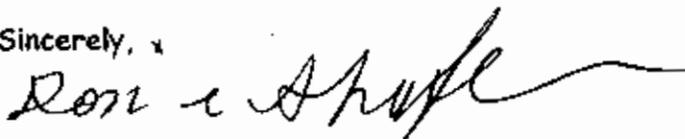
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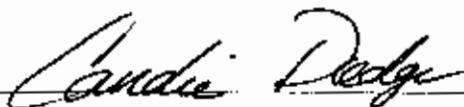
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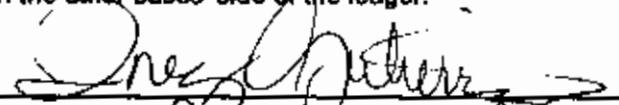
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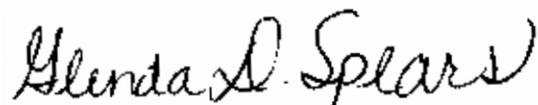
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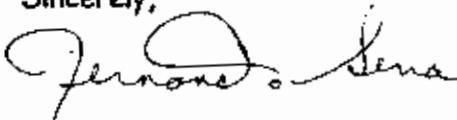
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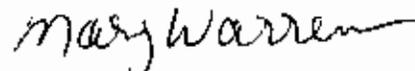
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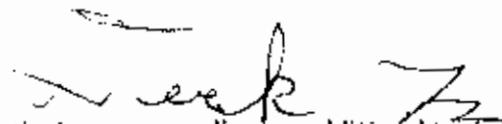
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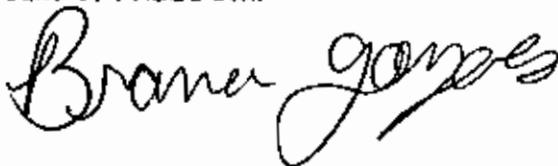
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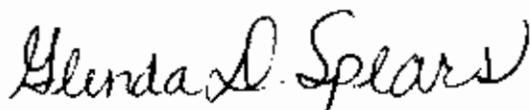
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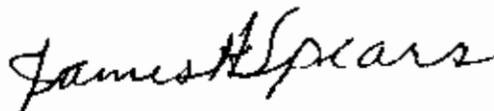
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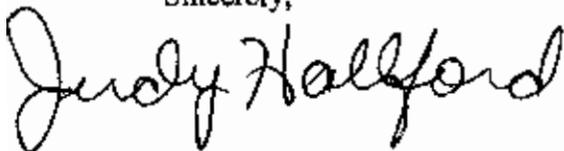
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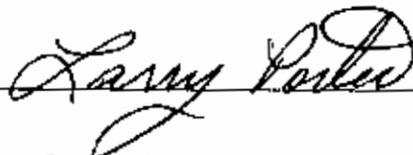
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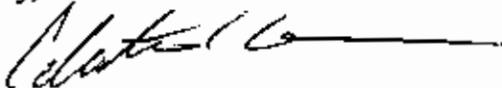
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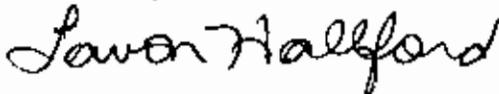
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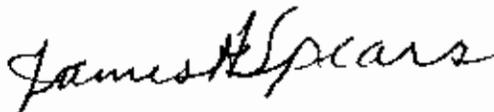
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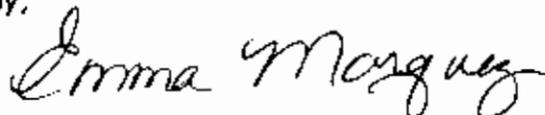
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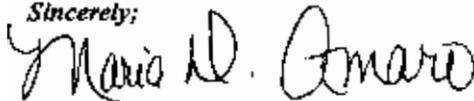
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BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S. Clark St.
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Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST

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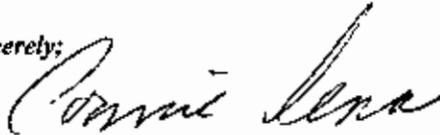
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I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis ON THE 24TH.

Sincerely;



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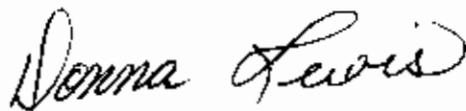
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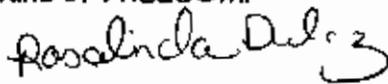
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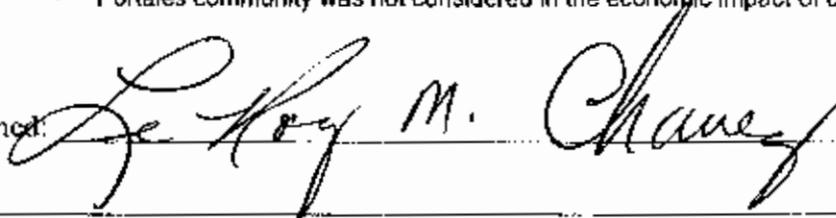
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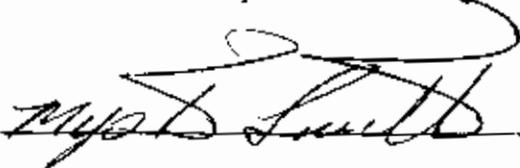
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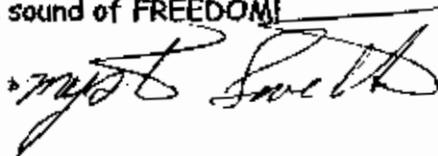
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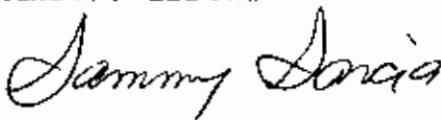
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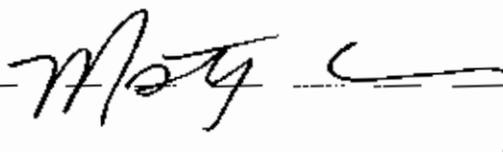
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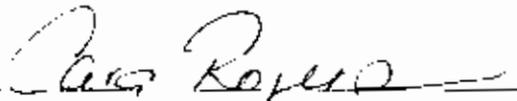
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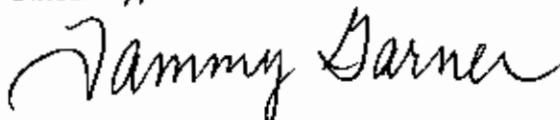
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