

BRAC Commission

JUL 19 2005

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BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Honorable Philip Coyle:

Cannon Air Force Base is a vital asset to Clovis and Portales, NM. I fear that the closing of the base will have a devastating effect on our economy.

Cannon is unique in that it offers wide open airspace without mountains and other additional risks to the Air Force pilots. Reduced environmental costs encourage cost-efficient training. Cannon is a strong asset to the United States Air Force.

I recognize the positive influence that Cannon has on our community. Military personnel feel welcome and at home. Many have donated time to our local charities and have set wonderful examples. I appreciate them and would deeply regret to see them leave.

An estimated 20 percent of the workforce will be lost if Cannon is closed. Clovis and Portales, as you know, are small communities with a very limited source of employment. Without CAFB, many people will be unemployed and this will cause disaster among this exceptional community. I am very concerned that with an increase in the unemployment rate, the local crime rate will increase as well.

I have grown up here and I consider this community my home. Please let Clovis and Portales continue to prosper with the enormous help of Cannon Air Force Base. Please, I ask of you, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



Stacy Hinderliter

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June 28, 2005

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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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Dear BRAC COMMISSIONERS:

As a concerned Realtor of Clovis, New Mexico and for the keeping of Cannon Air Force Base, I want you to hear my personal reasons for taking Cannon off the base closure list.

I am sitting here in my real estate office just waiting for the phone and my cell phone to ring. It is dead quiet. I had over 79 buyers most of which were military due with orders for Cannon in May-Sept this year. Most have contacted me and said they would need to take a rental if they could find one and could not consider buying until Cannon AFB is removed from the list. I reply to each of them that I understand and when Cannon is removed from the list I will be here. Real Estate is my life and it is what I do best turning dreams and housing needs into homes, securities, and lifestyles.

I have an income of about \$230,000.00 a year with 2 full time assistants which are my family members that I support. My income is usually \$9000.00 a month and this month I will be lucky to bring in \$1,200.00 income from 2 small mobile home sales for non military in Ft Sumner, NM.

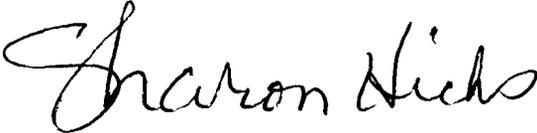
I do not know what to plan for my next few months. I have 7 web sites to maintain and numerous dues and office bill to pay as well as car payment and household expenses. I am cutting out all frivolous treats that I have enjoyed. I realize this is not your fault, but I just want you to understand what a position this BRAC closure is placing on myself and many others affected by just the announcement.

It was a real joy to have 6 of the commissioners as well as our State Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senators as well as State Representatives in our local hotel last weekend. I was part of the welcoming committee who had the opportunity to distribute fresh flowers and welcome baskets to many of your rooms. I called out your names before God as I went from room to room turning on the air conditioner and placing water in your refrigerator. This was not just an act of kindness, but one of opportunity. I want you to know that I personally prayed for each of you to be fair and to listen to our delegation pour out our Cannon facts and misconceptions that had been previously given to the DOD. They so eloquently spoke in behalf of each and every Clovis and Portales citizen and with our good in mind. It was my pleasure to be part of the people who lined the street in front of the RE/MAX hot air balloon and then hurry to take my seat at Marshall to hear the powerful and heartfelt presentation by Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Rep. Heather Wilson, and Rep. Tom Udall as well as our Governor Bill Richardson and his Lt. Gov. Demish. I was so proud to hear Randy Harris and Chad Lydick speak words of truth about our economic forecast and how well our base has excelled in missions and are looking for a bright future with additional missions that are

currently being made possible by the additional air space being purchased. We do love our community and we do love the military families who live here and have become part of us and want to stay here for a long time.

I want to personally plead with you to consider and reconsider the previous decision to place Cannon AFB on the BRAC list and consider the impact on our local area communities and our economy as well as my personal livelihood as a Realtor. I want those emails to keep coming in and I want to assist more and more families find the American Dream of home ownership.

Sincerely,  
SHARON HICKS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hicks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Clavis - Fortales community and have no  
Air Force connection outside of many friends  
and fellow Presbyterians who have been  
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404 SUNDOWN DR

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**TO: BRAC Commissioners**

**DATE:** 6-9-05

**SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list**

Because of the need of  
MILITARY + COMMUNITY, I DON'T  
THINK AN ACCURATE STUDY  
HAS BEEN MADE PLEASE KEEP  
CANNON AFB BASE OPEN

Signed   
Barry Pacheco 595 769-1015  
PS: On a personal note, 1600 West Grand  
Crows NM 88101

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JUL 07 2005

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June 25, 2005

To Whom it may concern:

Please add this letter to the public response in support of keeping the Niagara Falls Air Base in operation. The many dedicated men and women employed there risk their lives for America. They have flown many missions and are trained in inclement weather. Small towns support America. America needs to support small towns and family values. We are a border town in close proximity with Canada. In the wake of 9/11 we can't afford to become complacent with security. Your efforts to consolidate your bases raises further concerns that may create possible easy targets for would be terrorists. The impact on surrounding businesses and influences on the community as a whole raise concerns.

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BRAC Commission

June 22, 2005

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BRAC Commission

P. O. Box 231

JUL 07 2005

Magara Falls,

New York 14304-0231

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Dear Sirs:

It is disturbing to hear that the Magara Falls Air Base may close. After millions of dollars spent by the Federal Government on this base seems another indication of financial waste.

But to have no reserve base here when there are 4 International Bridges within twenty miles; plus the large power plant in Magara Falls which affects the whole North East, is very disturbing. With the possibility of terrorism I think having the Air Force base here is necessary.

Sincerely

Rosalyn Anderson

114 Wabash Ave

Kenmore N. Y. 14217

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July 19, 05  
6 Rubenel Ave  
Waterford, Ct 06385

National BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sirs:

With the increasing threat of a terrorist plus dirty nuclear device leveling one or a number of our major cities, why would you even consider closing a training facility that supports our most important weapon system??

Diana L. Hanson

Date July 15 - 05

Dear BRAC Commission Members,

I respectfully ask you to reverse the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense regarding closure of the New London Sub Base.

This base is an integral part of our community in southeastern Connecticut. The negative impact of closure on our local and state economy far exceeds the documented benefit to relocate our defense installations.

Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name Alicia L. Hansson

Signature Alicia L. Hansson

Address 6 Lubrevil Drive

City Waterford

State CT Zip 06385

Date 7/13/05

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Name Adam Bergamo

Signature Adam Bergamo

Address 2 Stoney Brook Dr.

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date 7.13.05

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Name Kerry Callaghan

Signature Kerry Callaghan

Address 8 Stoney Brook Dr

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date July 12, 05

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Name Jean Kane Apt 225

Signature Jean A-Kane

Address 1 Beechwood Dr.

City Waterford Ct. 06385 State Ct. Zip 06385

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Sincerely,

Name ELMER + NANCY STORY

Signature Elmer G. Story

Address 14 TRUMBULL RD

City WATERFORD

State CT Zip 06385

CHAIRMAN,

I do not sell or have  
any contact with the  
base in Niagara Falls  
however I hope it stays  
open. Some of my sons  
friends are in the  
Reserves and fly the  
C-130s.

A live south of Buffalo  
and out various times  
I sense they have a training  
mission and fly over the  
hills where I live.  
(over)

I get a thrill out of  
seeing the planes and  
feel with the close miss  
to the border and not  
that far to the east  
coast fill a vital need.

I believe they are always  
rated high and believe  
that should be rewarded  
by staying open.

Yours truly

Ron R. Heinning



Mr. Ronald Heinning  
8710 Violet Parkway  
Eden, NY 14057-1402

Dear BRAC Commission Members,  
I respectfully ask you to reverse the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense regarding closure of the New London Sub Base, Connecticut. The negative impact of the New London Sub Base far exceeds the documented benefit to our community in southeastern Connecticut.

Date July 8, 2005

Thank you for your work and your consideration of the Secretary of Defense's recommendation to relocate our local and state economy. Sincerely, A base with its base value of a repair and submarine manufacturing facility far exceeds the documented benefit to our community in southeastern Connecticut.

Name Richard Rubin  
Signature Richard Rubin  
Address 15 Spinnaker Road  
City W. Hartford

860-444-2492  
CT 06185

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: BRAC Commission

2521 South Clark Street

Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossing between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the waters of the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by **40%**, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with **\$35M** in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
- We have also reduced our **Base Operations Support costs** by not less than **33%** (to include a **25%** reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the ***most cost-efficient*** facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base would also ***eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers*** in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate **8 additional C-130H model aircraft** without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces ***no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints*** and has acreage on the base and adjacent

to the installation for expansion.

I humbly request that you ***strongly reconsider*** the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the **107th Air Refueling Wing** and **914th Airlift Wing** have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

**Additional Comments:** To my knowledge, before the recent plan to close the Niagara Falls Base, plans were in the offing to expand the base and

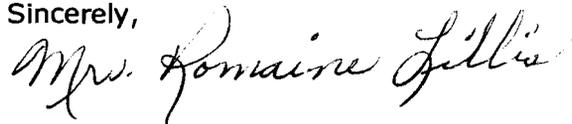
money has already been allotted for this expansion. Even though the base were to be closed, I understand that government policy would not allow contracts already initiated for this purpose to be reversed. If the base is closed and the expansion is done anyway, how will this area or the government benefit from millions of dollars being spent on an empty base?

Somewhere a decision was made for this expansion. It certainly must have been based on the idea that it was needed. How could two very opposing plans, expanding and closing Niagara Falls Base, have been made? Surely, keeping this base open should be of prime concern, especially since a committee must have given the expansion serious thought even before a closing was considered. Perhaps the reasons for the expansion consideration should be delved into.

Perhaps, too, the government should save money by changing irresponsible policies like the one noted above.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Romaine Lillis

69 South Drive

Lackawanna, NY 14218

(716) 825 2408

P.O. Box 338  
East Lyme, CT 06333

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Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr. (Ret)  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 20500

July 5, 2005

Dear Mr. President,

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Sincerely,

*C. Taylor*  
Cathy Taylor

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Sincerely,



Cathy Taylor

P.O. Box 338  
East Lyme, CT 06333

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**Received**

Air Force Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner (Ret)  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 20500

July 5, 2005

Dear Mr. President,

I feel strongly that the Groton sub base should remain open. Why close a submarine base that has easy access to both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, as well as a faster route to the Far East than both Norfolk and King's Bay? This versatility constitutes significant military value and should not be stifled. Also, why does the Navy need four nuclear submarine bases in the Pacific but would be satisfied with only King's Bay and Norfolk in the Atlantic?

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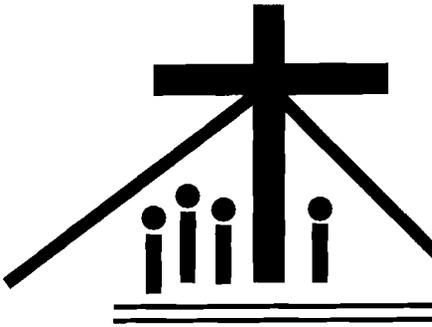
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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JON FORREST - SR. MINISTER · JOSH MCVEY - ASSOC. MINISTER



To: The Honorable James H. Bilbray  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

June 9, 2005

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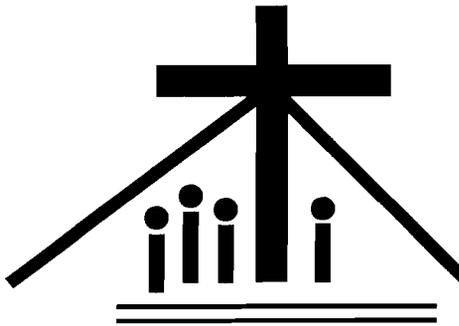
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BRAC Commission  
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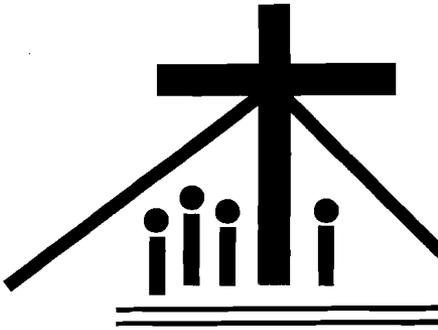
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To: Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.  
BRAC Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

June 9, 2005

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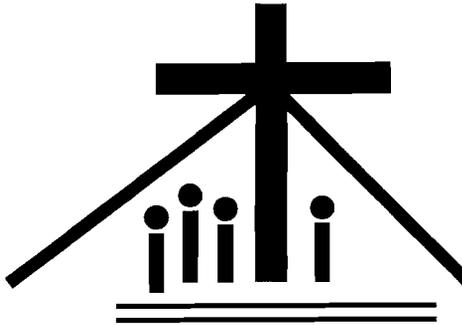
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To: The Honorable James V. Hansen  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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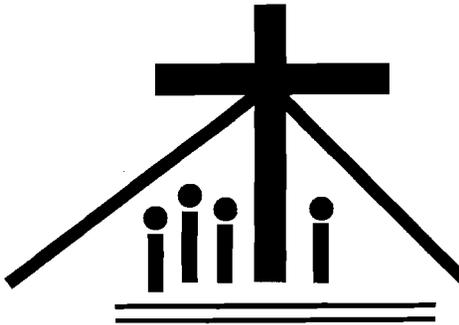
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# *Greenwood Memorial VFW Post 7478*

## *Ladies Auxiliary*

*Greenwood, DE*

BRAC Commission

July 14, 2005

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BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Received

Dear BRAC Commission:

As a professional woman and an informed citizen of our great land, I am painfully aware of the plan of the Pentagon to streamline military holdings across our country. I am also aware that the Pentagon has recommended that the Delaware Air National Guard's C-130 planes be shipped to bases in North Carolina and Georgia. It is my hope that you would reconsider this decision.

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and our congressional representatives are extremely articulate individuals who understand the needs and interests of the state of Delaware. There is little or nothing I can probably add to their case which they presented before you at a recent hearing in Towson, Maryland. I do, however, have concerns of my own.

Several times in the recent past the Delaware Air National Guard has been deployed to serve in critical military situations. They were needed then, and they are needed now. It is always costly to leave the civilian sector and be deployed somewhere else, but they were proud to be of service to our country. They "bit the bullet", so to speak and made the necessary sacrifices that accompany military life. We now have a volunteer army, and we are very proud of them. They need our support, and they need to have their morale boosted by all of us. Closing the base could send the wrong message to our troops, and they need a positive word from us who are here at home. Please reconsider your recommendation to Congress and President Bush when you make your report in September.

It also concerns me that Delaware is right in the middle of the Washington, D.C. corridor, vulnerable to any and all terrorist attacks. That reality doesn't make me want to move away, but it does make me appreciate homeland security. Whatever protection Delaware may now have from terrorist activity I want it to remain in place. If possible, add more military protection, but please do not remove anything that currently exists. The idea of streamlining any of our military holdings doesn't bless me at the moment, and it really concerns me when it comes so close to home.

Our world is very different now: every one and every place is so much more fragile. Help us to feel safe and more secure again. If we err on any side, let it be for doing more and not less. Please reconsider your recent recommendation regarding the Delaware Air National Guard and keep the planes in Delaware and the Base open for business.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael S. Russell  
President  
P.O. Box 900  
Greenwood, DE 19950  
302-349-4220

Pc: Governor Ruth Ann Minner  
Senator Joseph Biden  
Senator Thomas Carper  
Representative Michael Castle

BRAC Commission

JUL 19 2005

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300 King farm Blvd., #102  
Rockville, MD 20850  
14 July 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chair, Defense Closure and Readiness Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

I write to call your attention to a truly unique and highly valuable organization that the US Navy has developed in Monterey, California: the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). As a professional military officer with 31 years service in the US Army, a former member of the Board of Advisors of NPS, and subsequently as president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) for almost eleven years, I came to know very well indeed that NPS provides the Department of Defense with an effective, diverse, and sustainable educational institution that supports current and future readiness, advances in technology, and educational programs that facilitate getting our superior technology into the hands of the war fighter.

Many policymakers do not realize that NPS is a leading center of strategic and area studies in the United States. While civilian universities were abandoning their programs in security and area studies at the end of the Cold War, NPS bolstered its programs geared to prepare today's war fighters. NPS also has worked for over a decade to become a truly joint institution and to reach out to and enroll international officers who are so crucial in our fight against global terrorism. Members of the NPS faculty are also specialists in matters of importance to the Department of Defense. They offer innovative programs in Homeland Security, Special Operations, Security Building and UAVs, for example, that exist no where else in the United States.

NPS's teaching and research programs in area studies, counter-proliferation, and counter-terrorism are not replicated elsewhere in the United States. Members of the NPS faculty also have taken advantage of other educational institutions in Monterey to produce a world-class language program with the Defense Language Institute and the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Students enrolled in the regional studies and counterterrorism programs at NPS can take advanced language and translation and interpretation courses at the Monterey Institute, or they can take basic immersion language courses at the Defense Language Institute. NPS offers one stop shopping; students can obtain language training, Joint Professional Military Education, and Masters degrees in fields relevant to their military careers at one location. By accelerating the pace of course delivery at NPS and by eliminating the need to make an additional move to secure language training, the NPS-DLI-MIIS team is geared towards minimizing the greatest expense in educating officers, the cost of their pay and benefits.

Monterey is becoming well known as the outstanding center of language and security studies training in the world. If the NPS-DLI-MIIS team did not exist, the

Defense Department would be working at great expense to create it. In the deliberations of the BRAC Commission, I encourage you and your colleagues to take into account the unique contributions made by the Naval Postgraduate School to our nation's security.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Gard, Jr., PhD  
Lt. Gen., USA (Ret.)



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