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BECAUSE CANNON AFB WAS PART OF THE PROBLEM AND RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS MEN IN CLOVIS NM, HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON CLOVIS WILL BE EQUAL TO A 20% LOSS OF BUSINESS, I FOR ONE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT MAY BE TRUE IN SOME SELECT BUSINESS BUT CERTAINLY NOT IN THE ^{ECONOMY} ~~BUSINESS~~ OVERALL. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE ONLY MOTIVATED BY SELFISHNESS.

FOR THE MOST PART ~~THE~~ EVERYDAY RESIDENT OF CLOVIS HAS PRACTICALLY NO RELIANCE ~~UPON~~ CAFB AND NO CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO WORKS AT CANNON.

CAFB EMPLOYS SEVERAL HUNDRED CIVILIANS AND HAS AN AIR FORCE POPULATION OF PERHAPS 3500-4000. THE POPULATION OF THE REGION THAT DOES BUSINESS IN CLOVIS WOULD BE PERHAPS 20,000 WITH ^{WESTERN} ~~WESTERN~~ MOST TEXAS RESIDENTS INCLUDED. (CLOVIS IS VERY NEAR THE TEXAS BORDER.)

IF CANNON AFB SHOULD REMAIN OPEN IT SHOULD BE ON THE MERITS OF ITS UNIQUENESS OR INDISPENSIBILITY TO THE US MILITARY. AND NOT ON THE COMPLAINTS OF UNIFIED LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. CLOVIS HAS GROWN LIKE CRAZY IN THE 12 YEARS THAT I HAVE LIVED HERE AND HONESTLY I CANNOT SEE ANY CONNECTION TO THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN OF CLOVIS AND THE EXISTANCE OF CANNON AFB.

CLOSE CAFB IF YOU SEE THAT IT IS THE CORRECT THING TO DO, YOU WILL NOT IMPACT THE LOCAL ECONOMY, HOWEVER I'M NOT SO SURE THAT ITS THE BEST THING FOR OUR MILITARY.

Thank you
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