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Dear Commissioners:

The Taylor County Commissioners' Court and Dyess Air Force Base have a long history of cooperation. Together with the City of Abilene, we recognize the great importance of the mission of Dyess now and into the future. Our county is progressive and we are anxious to do our part in welcoming and providing for new personnel and their families.

In the past two years I personally have been involved, along with our commissioners, in negotiating agreements with corporations to make certain that we do not have encroachment issues concerning flight patterns for the B-1's and the C-130's. These negotiations have been successful and they have truly been a team effort with Dyess. We have ample space for low level flight maneuvers involving C-130's.

My office is always open to the leadership at Dyess to help with any matters that may arise at any time. It has been my responsibility to probate the wills of three of our servicemen killed in action in the past two years. I consider it an honor to provide sensitive and caring assistance to the families of these fallen warriors.

Taylor County is proud to be the home of Dyess Air Force Base and we pledge our full cooperation in future missions that are sent our way.

Thank you for assuming this most important role as a member of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

With great respect,


George A. Newman