

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is Letter concerning the closure of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis New Mexico.

I've lived in the area all my life. I live in Portales which is about 20 miles from Clovis. I've seen Clovis grow since I was small. It has taken Clovis a long time to grow, but I believe that Cannon has been a big part of the growth.

Clovis does not fit the criteria for base closure because it has everything that is required to stay open. 1. Supply pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions, 2. We supply weather for year-around training 3. It is a perfect candidate to support future training for the F-22 Joint Strike Force & other aircraft.

Personally I think the closing will have a negative impact on jobs which will affect the overall growth of Clovis & Portales which have not had the economic prosperity that the Northern part of the state has had.

Again keep Cannon open not only for the military sake as well as the residents of the Clovis &