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Dear Brac Commission;
This letter will be in reference to the Department of Defense recommendation to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed.
Aside from the fact that this would be a terrific economic blow to the area, the security risk that it possesses would be devastating to the Western New York and the whole Northeastern section of the United States.
Needless to say that the New York Power Authority would be a prime target for terrorist as well as the Brock Power Plant on the Canadian side.
It is imperative that this base (Niagara Falls) is taken off of the closure list.
The 914TH Airlift Wing and the 107TH New York National Guard have supported the United States in Desert Storm and has been deployed on a number of occasions for Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq. They are essential to the defense of America and for this reason alone they should remain active in Niagara Falls
The Niagara Falls air base was not always slated for closing according to documents released by the Pentagon. In fact the reason for closure is missing from the BRAC documents. At one point

it was poised to double its fleet of C130s. It (the Niagara Air Force Base) is an important and strategic element in our nations defence.

Sincerely,
Russell Peters