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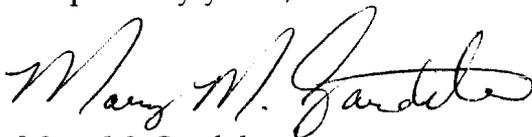
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Cannon does not fit the criteria provided for base closure as it has ample space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations.

I will personally pray for you and your ability to make a difference in keeping Cannon Air Force Base open.

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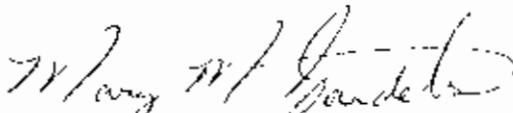
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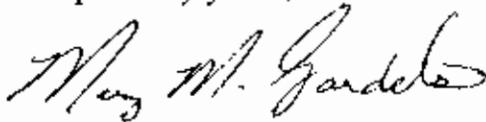
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