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BRAC Commission
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Dear Gentlemen :

I am a resident of Clovis New Mexico and live nearby the Cannon Air Force Base.

I am going to write, however, an entirely different letter than most of my friends in Clovis, New Mexico.

I visited South Korea a few years ago, lecturing at every University in South Korea. As we approached the border to North Korea, everyone in the car became quiet and still. I inquired as to what was the matter. For the next few hours, I learned of fear of invasion from North Korea. I learned of fear that South Korea would be literally overrun within about a week.

The South Koreans are deathly afraid of North Korea, and any individual who reads the news, or watches t.v. knows about the North Korean threat. I sincerely believe that North Korea will invade South Korea in the very near future, and that we will be called on to defend South Korea.

Cannon Air Force Base has access to supersonic air space and maneuvers. I will not talk about the economic impact the closing of Cannon would have on Clovis. But I believe that the closing of Cannon would weaken our ability to protect South Korea.

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Thank you for your attention

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