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Hon. Anthony Principi, Chair
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Cannon AFB and Eastern New Mexico University

Dear Chairman Principi:

Eastern New Mexico University serves the men and women of Cannon Air Force Base by providing bachelor's and master's degree programs to over 225 individuals each semester. The following details our relationship with the people of CAFB:

- ENMU enrolled 65 active duty personnel for the 2004 fall semester, most of whom were upper-division or graduate students. Eastern's total fall enrollment was 3,959.
- Military dependents are more difficult to track, but I estimate the total to be 160 for the 2004 fall semester. Please note that an undetermined number of dependents do not identify themselves as such when enrolling. They generally identify themselves as military dependents only when it enables them to qualify for the in-state resident tuition rate. Many dependents who have resided in New Mexico for one year or more do not need to be classified as military dependents because they already qualify for the in-state resident rate based on length of residence in the state.
- ENMU offers 25 courses on-site or through instructional television (ITV) at Cannon AFB. Although the enrollments are usually low, the University is happy to provide this opportunity to the airmen at CAFB.
- The University offered over 50 on-line courses during the 2004 fall semester. These offerings are usually attractive to active duty military members because of their flexibility.
- ENMU has an admissions counselor who spends two eight-hour days per week at the CAFB Education Office providing matriculation service and academic advising.

Please know that Eastern New Mexico University values its relationship with Cannon AFB. In addition to the aforementioned military-related students, many faculty and staff (including me) are retired military members or veterans. Cannon's loss would hurt badly from an economic standpoint, but we would especially hate to see the departure of many friends and neighbors. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Gamble
President

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