

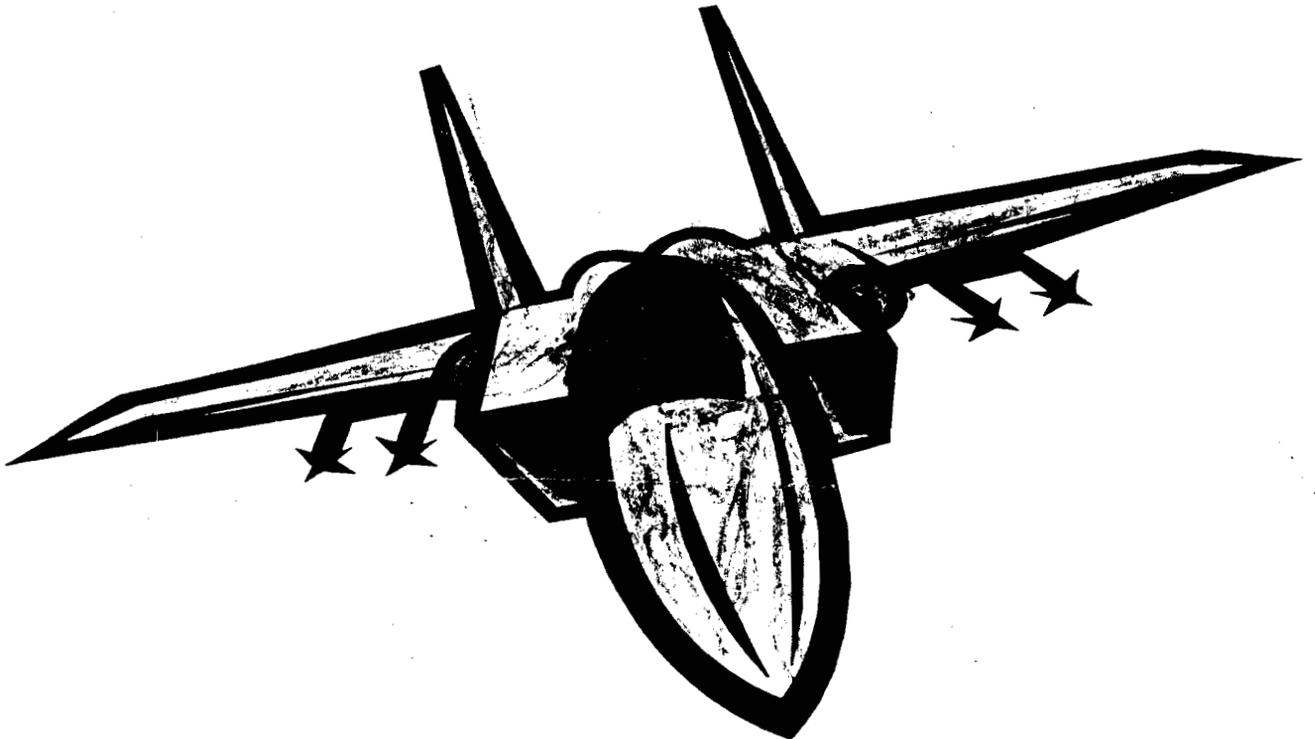
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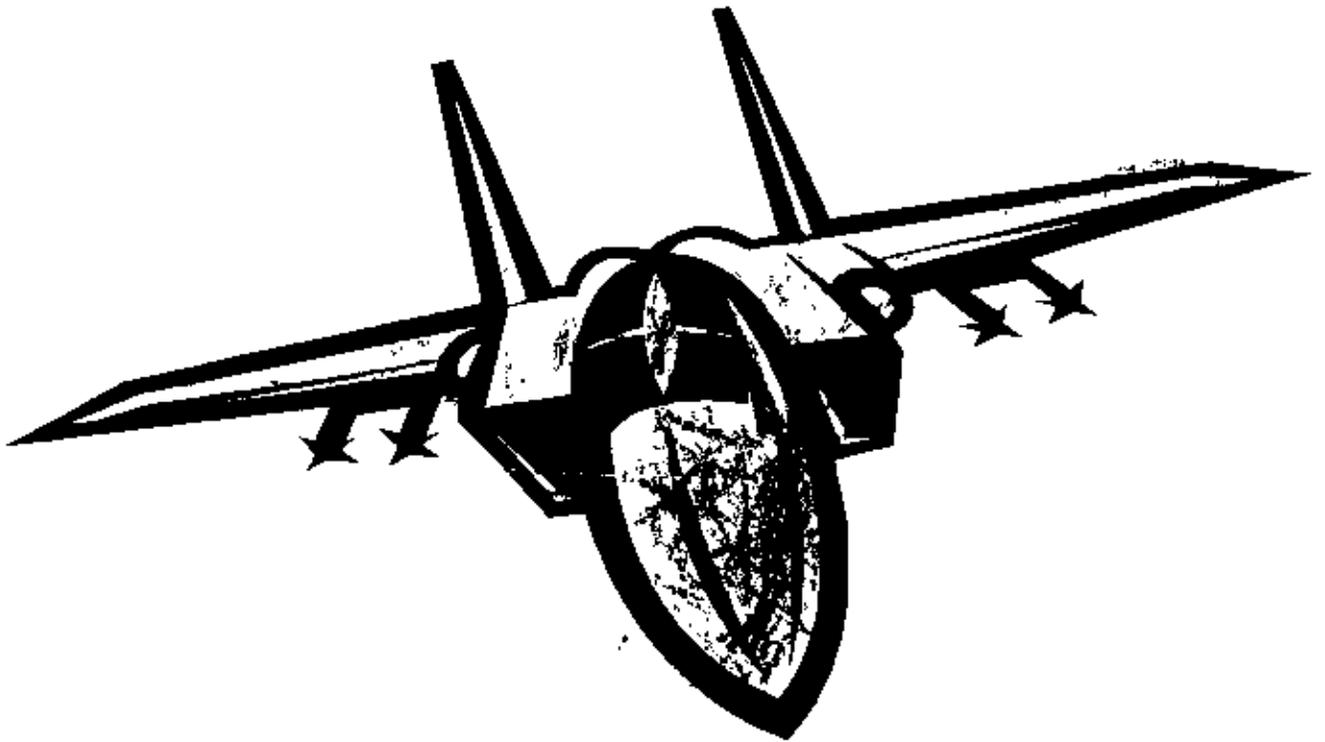
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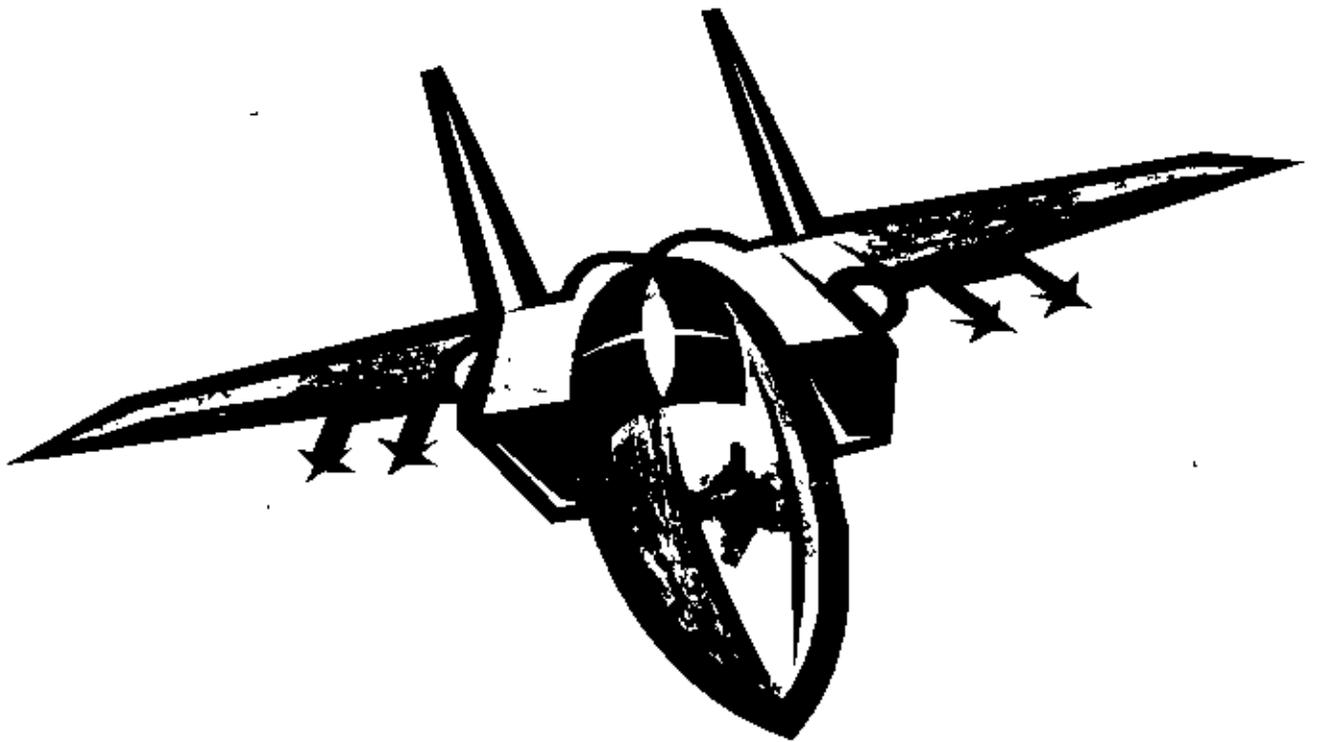
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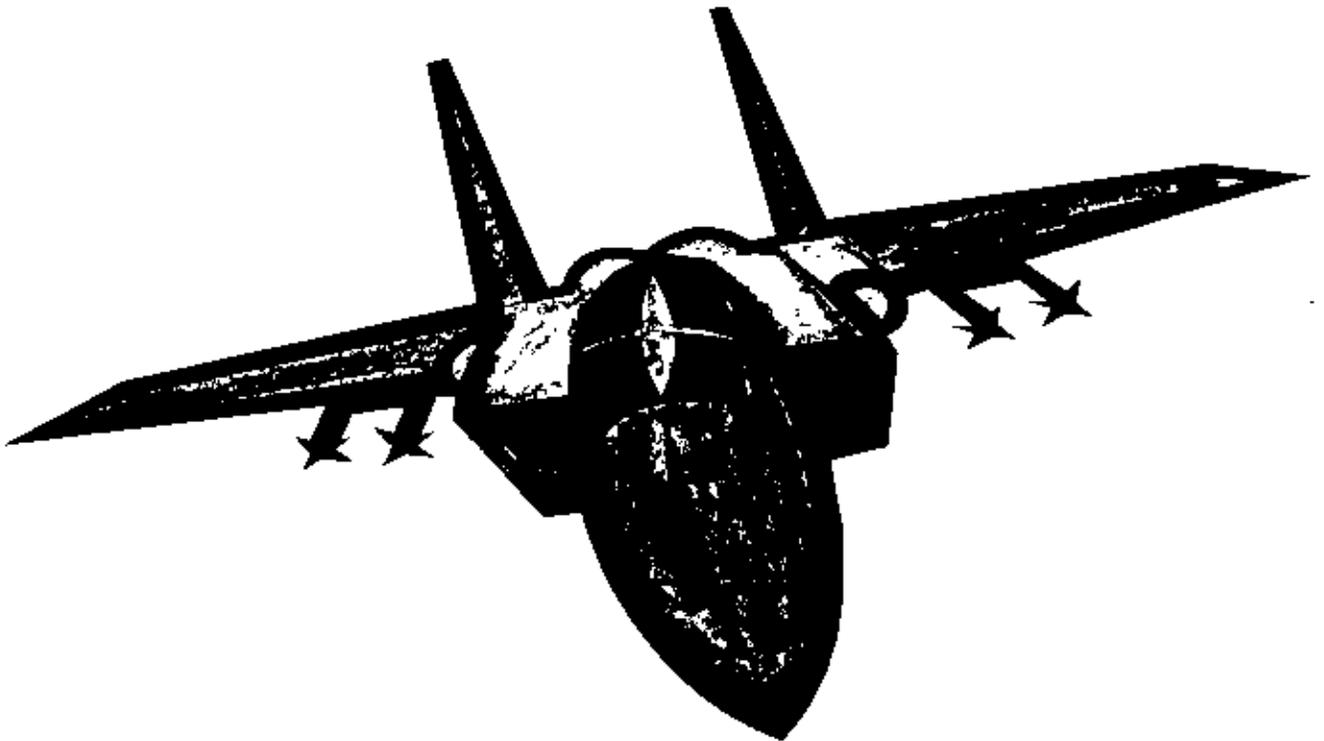
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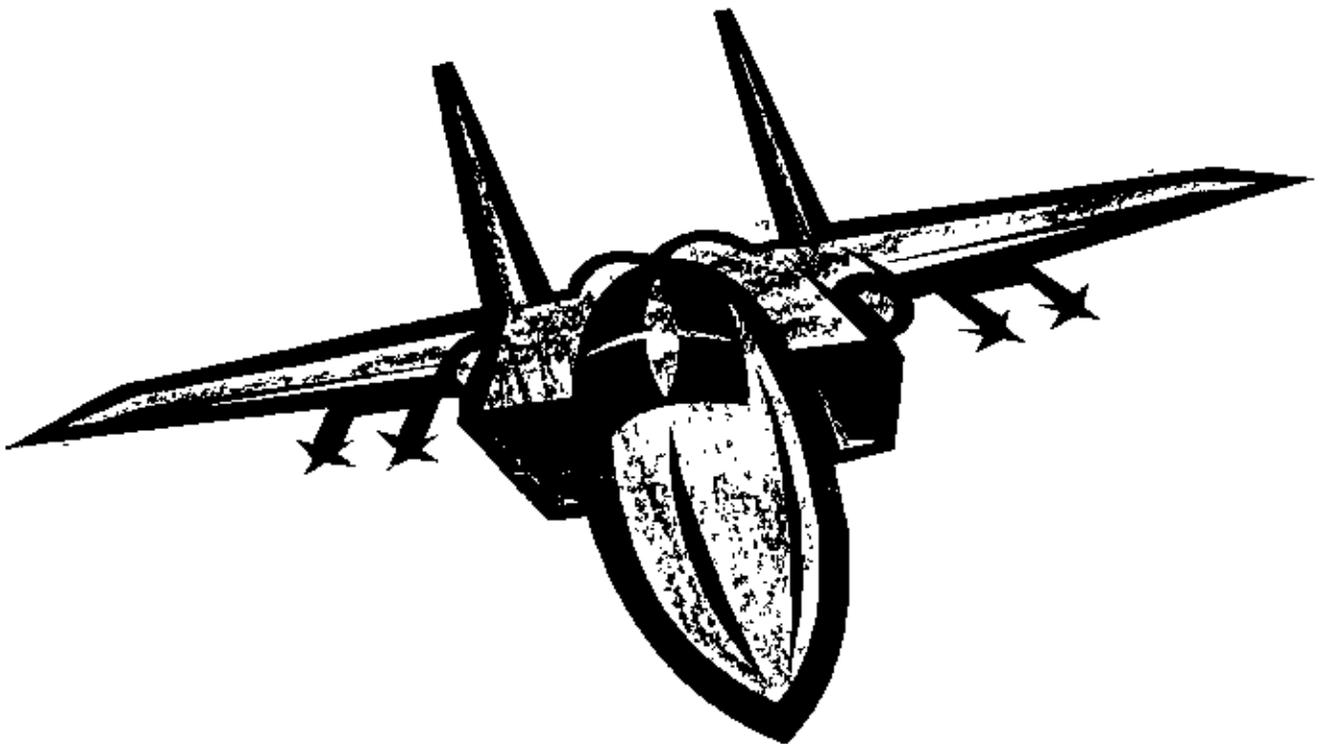
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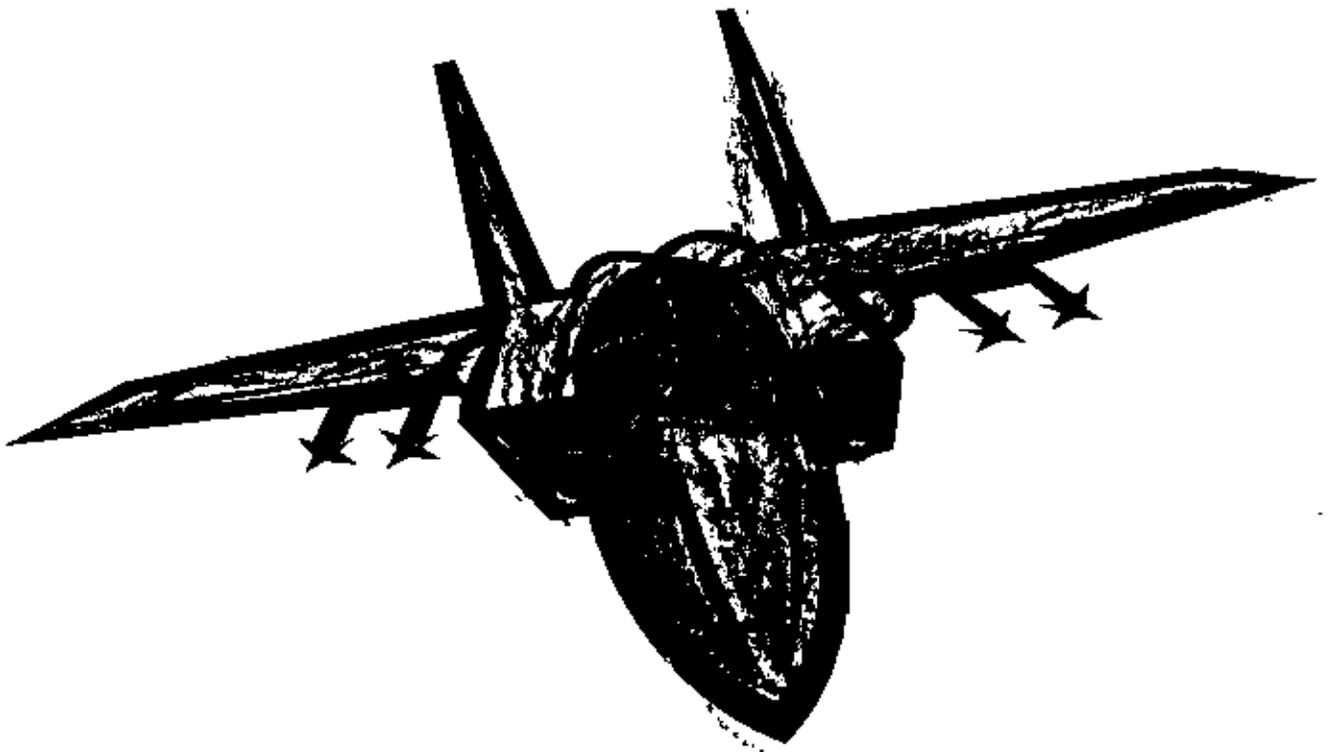
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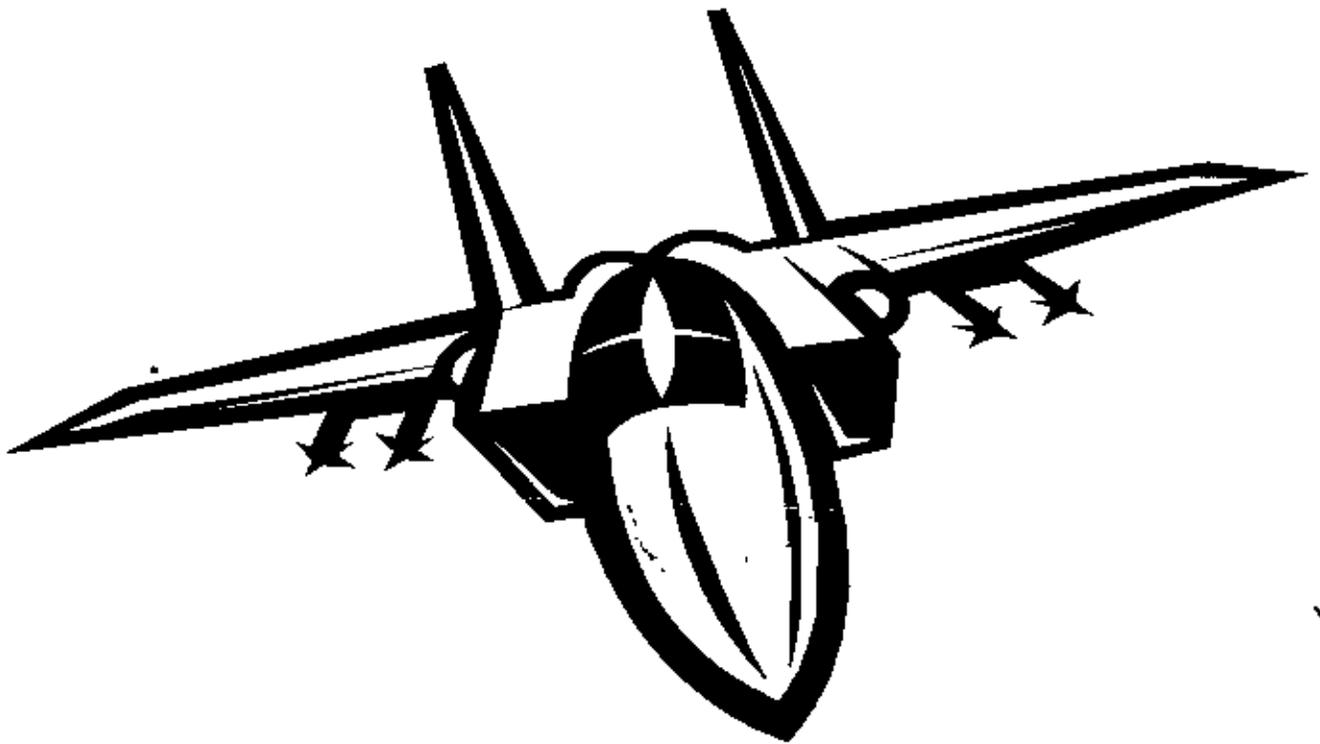
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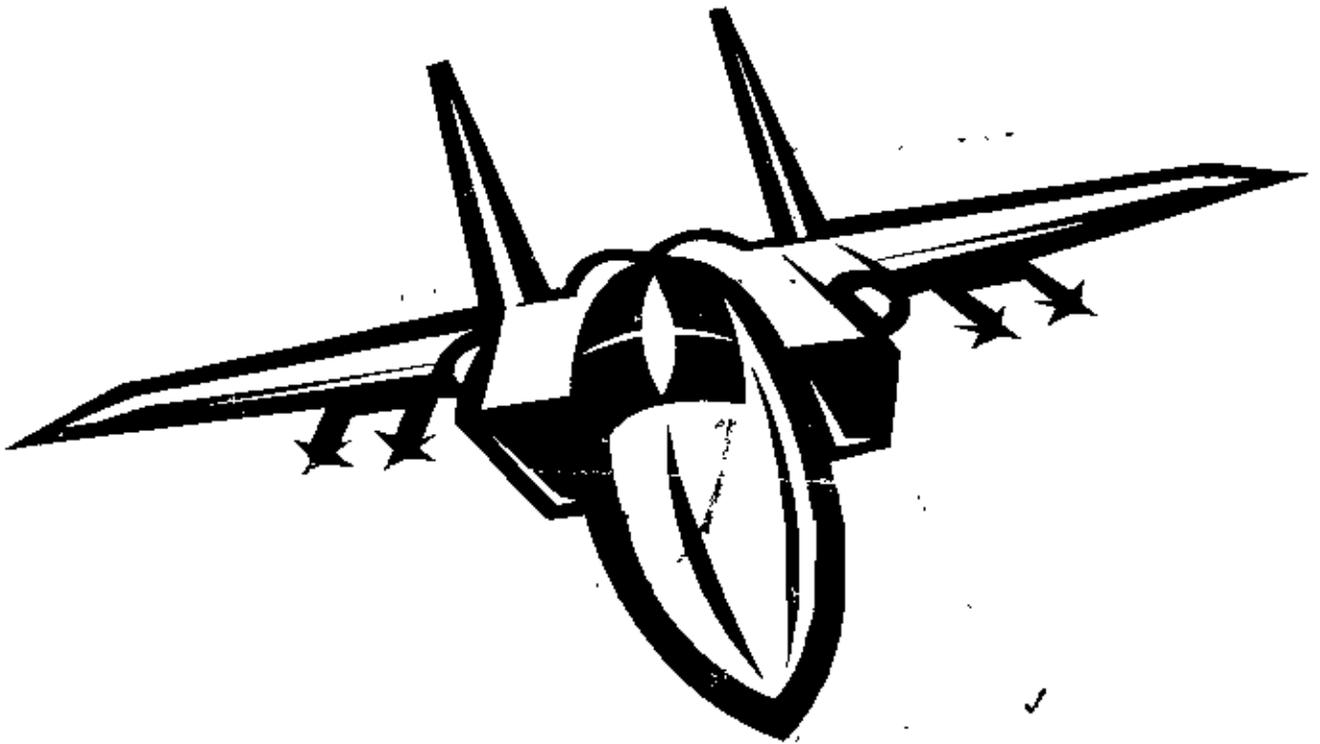
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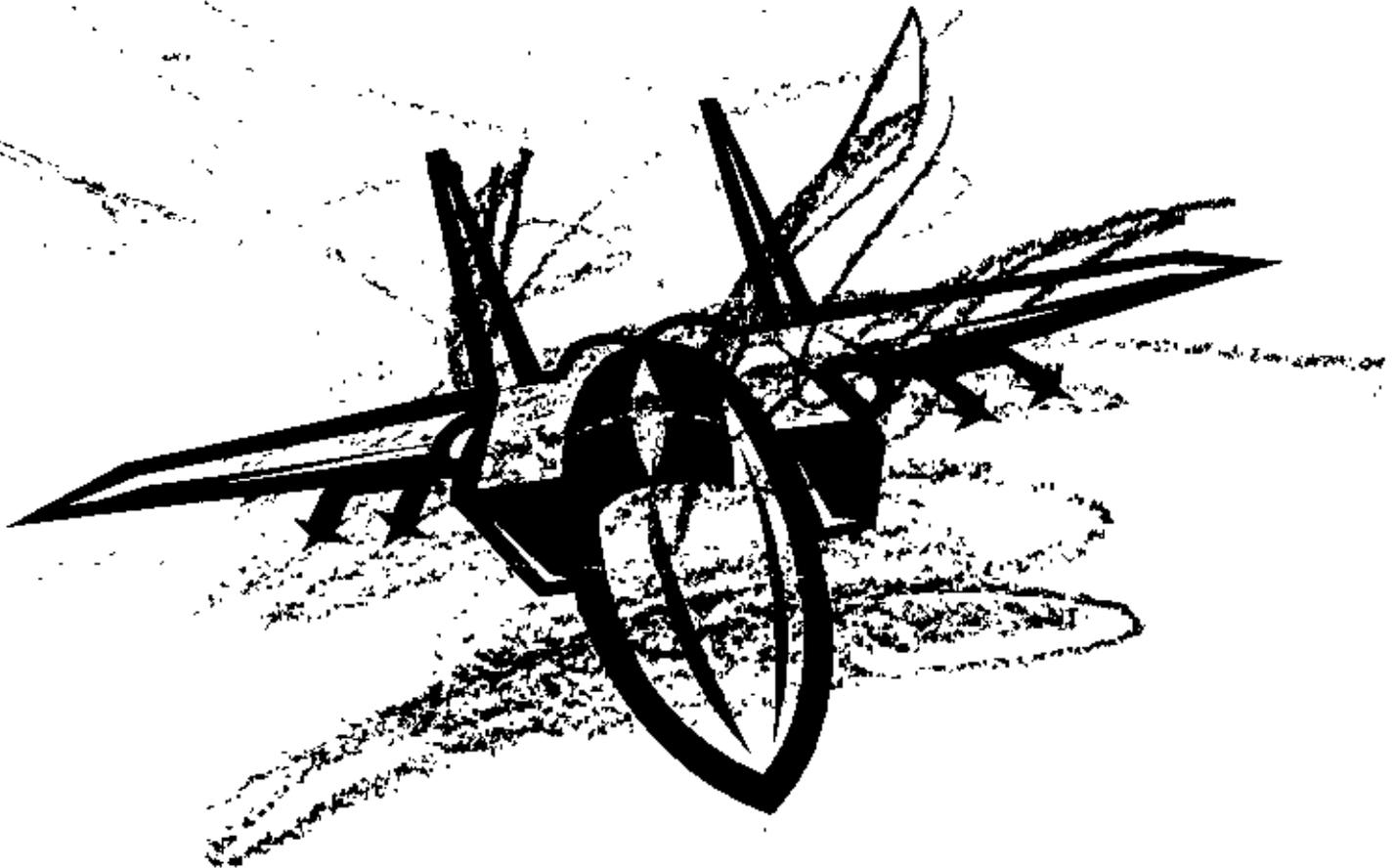
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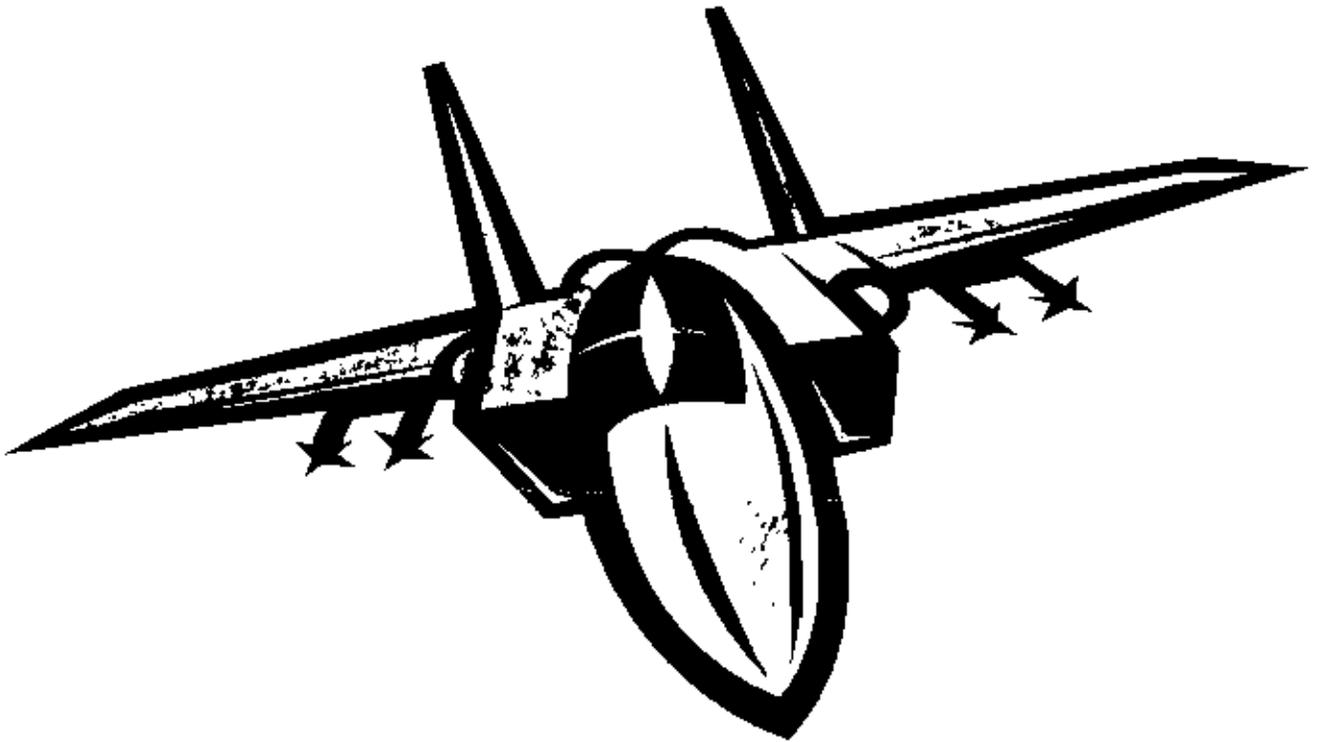
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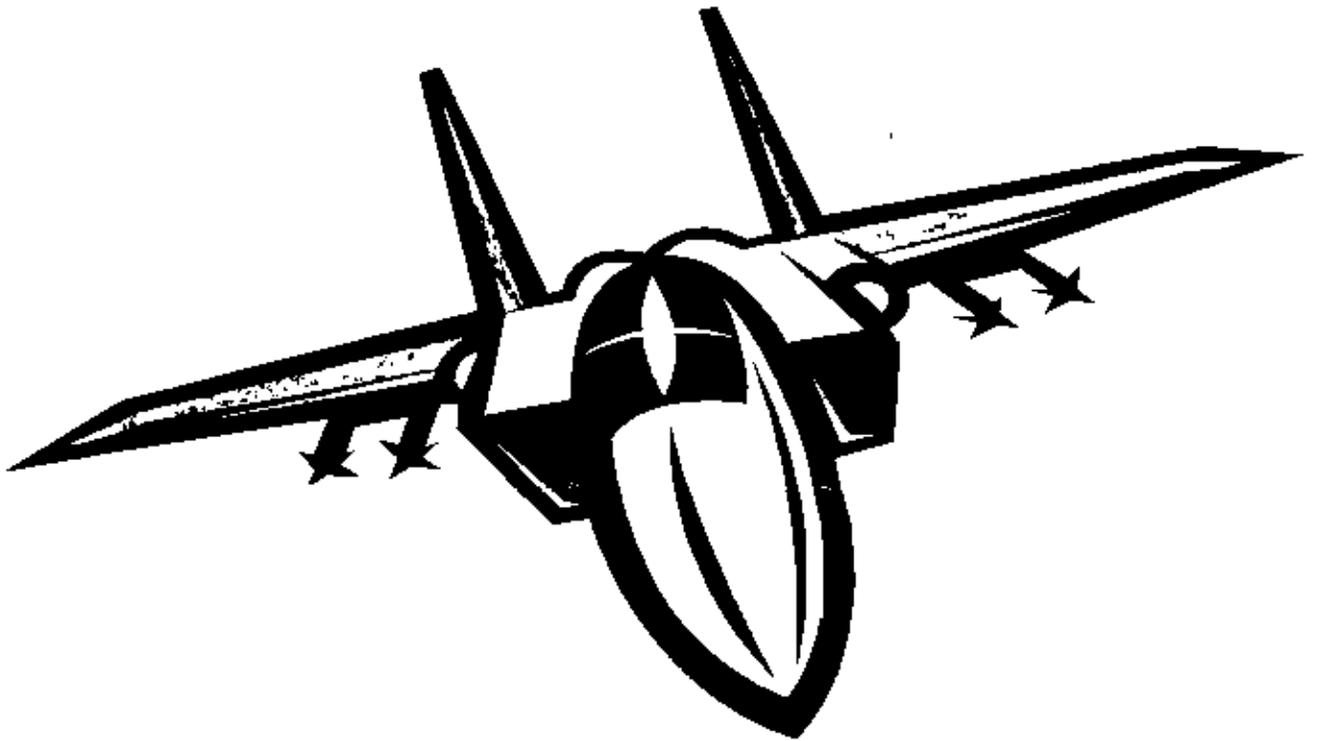
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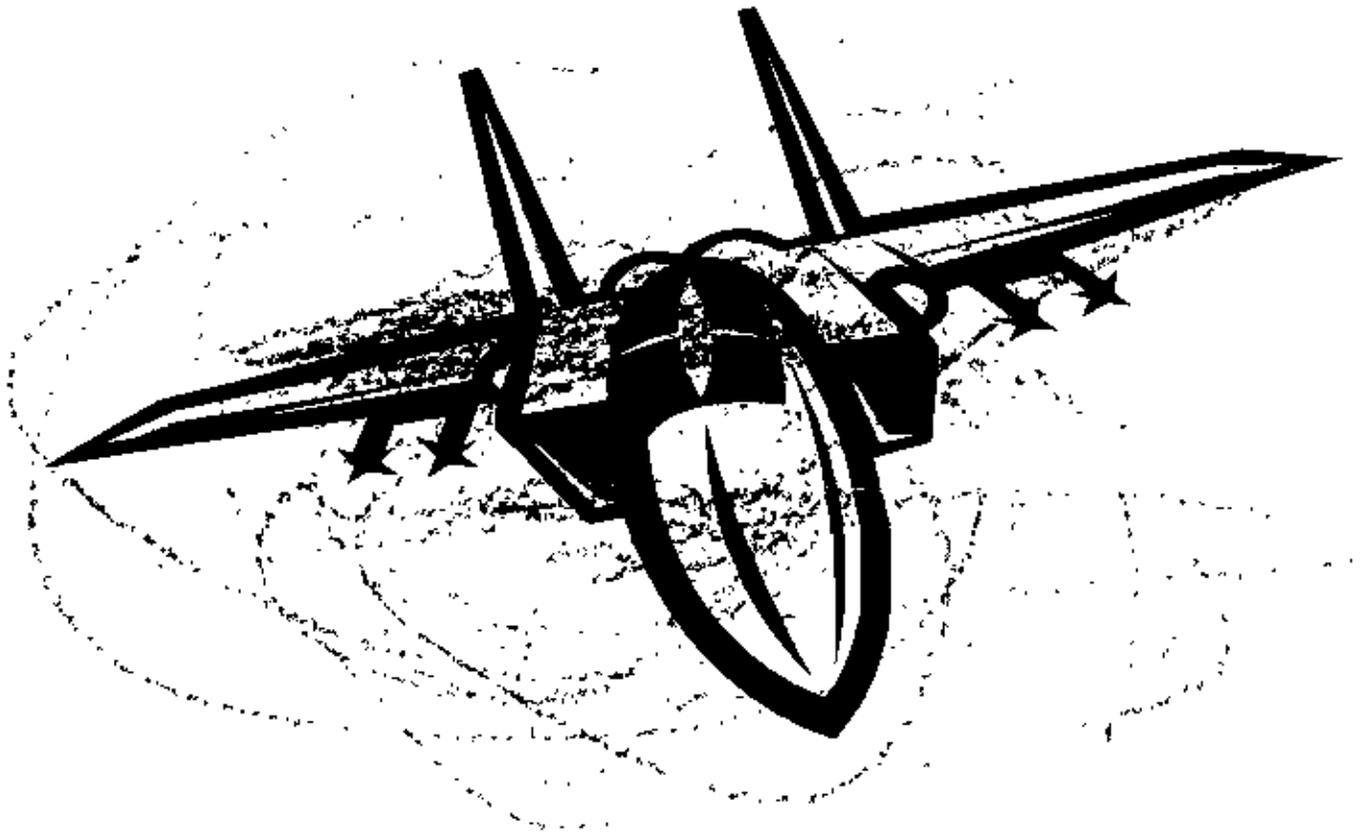
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Re Closure of Cannon Air Force Base

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to the BRAC Commission's list of recommended closings, I am writing this letter to discuss the military and communal importance of Cannon Air Force Base, located near Clovis, New Mexico. Closing Cannon would be a major mistake and a detriment to New Mexico and the United States Air Force. Cannon holds a special place in the hearts of the men of women of the armed services and the communities that surround it and supplies the Air Force with an irreplaceable feature.

In regard to its military significance, Cannon is home to the F-16 fighter jet, but that is not the only asset that Cannon boasts. It also has vast, unencroached air space, runway, and bombing range that allow for maximum flying efficiency and air combat training. Its air space is ideal for any type of aircraft that would come to Cannon. Such an unfettered air space is only possible in Eastern New Mexico where there are wide, open spaces and tolerant weather. Eastern New Mexico experiences over 300 days of sunshine a year; not many other locations can claim the same. Some bases have the same amount of airspace, but Cannon is special because its area can be used for bombing and other types of target training, unlike bases located next to the ocean with space just over water. Cannon's runway was recently re-surfaced and the uninhabited land surrounding Cannon allows for its expansion. Cannon's bombing range, situated west of Clovis, is a large, wide-open desert area that is essential for aerial bombing. It is a very important asset to the training of Air Force pilots. Cannon is also home to the recently completed New Mexico Training Range Initiative that provides supersonic air space that allows pilots, not only from the Air Force, but from all branches of the military, to train and learn basic strategies. In general, the military information the BRAC Commission received regarding Cannon is incorrect, and I fully believe that once this mistake is corrected, the Commission will agree with the communities of Clovis and Portales that Cannon is an asset that cannot be replaced.

Aside from the military components of Cannon, the loyalty and support of Cannon by the community and the community's dependence on the base need to be considered. From Clovis and Portales, to the surrounding farms and smaller communities, everyone practices loyalty and dedication to the base. The tiny communities located near the base have given everything to the well-being and

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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear Honorable James V. Hansen:

Cannon Air Force Base is a vital asset to Clovis and Portales, NM. I fear that the closing of the base will have a devastating effect on our economy.

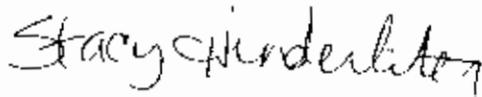
Cannon is unique in that it offers wide open airspace without mountains and other additional risks to the Air Force pilots. Reduced environmental costs encourage cost-efficient training. Cannon is a strong asset to the United States Air Force.

I recognize the positive influence that Cannon has on our community. Military personnel feel welcome and at home. Many have donated time to our local charities and have set wonderful examples. I appreciate them and would deeply regret to see them leave.

An estimated 20 percent of the workforce will be lost if Cannon is closed. Clovis and Portales, as you know, are small communities with a very limited source of employment. Without CAFB, many people will be unemployed and this will cause disaster among this exceptional community. I am very concerned that with an increase in the unemployment rate, the local crime rate will increase as well.

I have grown up here and I consider this community my home. Please let Clovis and Portales continue to prosper with the enormous help of Cannon Air Force Base. Please, I ask of you, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



Stacy Hinderliter

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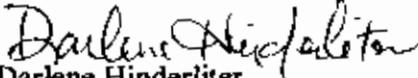
Dear Honorable James V. Hansen:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base be closed. I am a Civilian Employee at Cannon and have been blessed to be part of this team for fifteen years. I've lived here most of my life and have seen the progress that Cannon has made for this community.

Cannon offers so many attributes to our National Defense. The airspace is extremely suitable for our training in order to accomplish our mission to remain free of terrorists. The area also provides quality education and a supportive community for our military families.

The closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have such a negative impact on Clovis and the surrounding areas. It is my opinion that we would never recover from the loss of Cannon. Please let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,

  
Darlene Hinderliter

June 28, 2005

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Dear BRAC COMMISSIONERS:

As a concerned Realtor of Clovis, New Mexico and for the keeping of Cannon Air Force Base, I want you to hear my personal reasons for taking Cannon off the base closure list.

I am sitting here in my real estate office just waiting for the phone and my cell phone to ring. It is dead quiet. I had over 79 buyers most of which were military due with orders for Cannon in May-Sept this year. Most have contacted me and said they would need to take a rental if they could find one and could not consider buying until Cannon AFB is removed from the list. I reply to each of them that I understand and when Cannon is removed from the list I will be here. Real Estate is my life and it is what I do best turning dreams and housing needs into homes, securities, and lifestyles.

I have an income of about \$230,000.00 a year with 2 full time assistants which are my family members that I support. My income is usually \$9000.00 a month and this month I will be lucky to bring in \$1,200.00 income from 2 small mobile home sales for non military in Ft Sumner, NM.

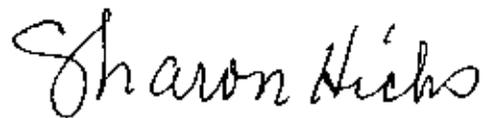
I do not know what to plan for my next few months. I have 7 web sites to maintain and numerous dues and office bill to pay as well as car payment and household expenses. I am cutting out all frivolous treats that I have enjoyed. I realize this is not your fault, but I just want you to understand what a position this BRAC closure is placing on myself and many others affected by just the announcement.

It was a real joy to have 6 of the commissioners as well as our State Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senators as well as State Representatives in our local hotel last weekend. I was part of the welcoming committee who had the opportunity to distribute fresh flowers and welcome baskets to many of your rooms. I called out your names before God as I went from room to room turning on the air conditioner and placing water in your refrigerator. This was not just an act of kindness, but one of opportunity. I want you to know that I personally prayed for each of you to be fair and to listen to our delegation pour out our Cannon facts and misconceptions that had been previously given to the DOD. They so eloquently spoke in behalf of each and every Clovis and Portales citizen and with our good in mind. It was my pleasure to be part of the people who lined the street in front of the RE/MAX hot air balloon and then hurry to take my seat at Marshall to hear the powerful and heartfelt presentation by Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Rep. Heather Wilson, and Rep. Tom Udall as well as our Governor Bill Richardson and his Lt. Gov. Demish. I was so proud to hear Randy Harris and Chad Lydick speak words of truth about our economic forecast and how well our base has excelled in missions and are looking for a bright future with additional missions that are

currently being made possible by the additional air space being purchased. We do love our community and we do love the military families who live here and have become part of us and want to stay here for a long time.

I want to personally plead with you to consider and reconsider the previous decision to place Cannon AFB on the BRAC list and consider the impact on our local area communities and our economy as well as my personal livelihood as a Realtor. I want those emails to keep coming in and I want to assist more and more families find the American Dream of home ownership.

Sincerely,  
SHARON HICKS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hicks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Signed: Gayle SelshawAddress: 1408 Claremont, Clovis N. M 88101PS \_\_\_\_\_  
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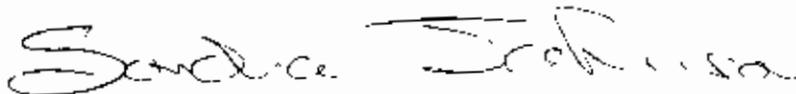
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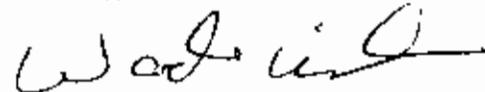
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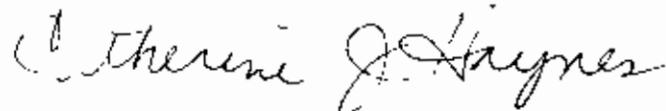
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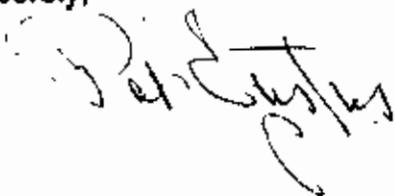
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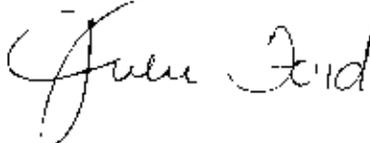
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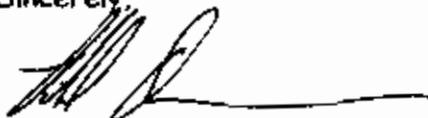
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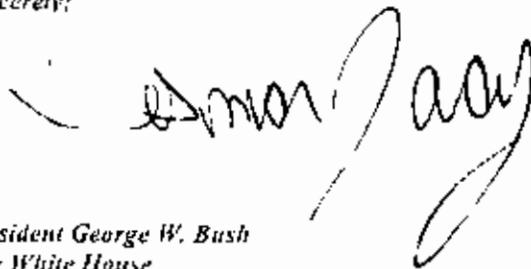
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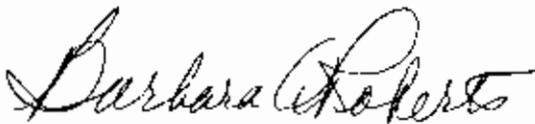
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- New runways on the base
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## KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

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- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
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- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring

Signed: *M Widner*

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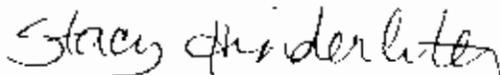
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I have grown up here and I consider this community my home. Please let Clovis and Portales continue to prosper with the enormous help of Cannon Air Force Base. Please, I ask of you, let us KEEP CANNON!

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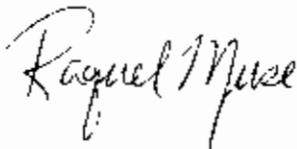
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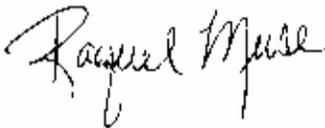
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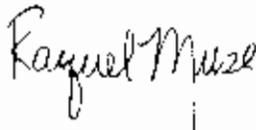
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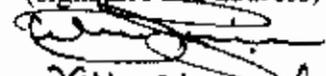
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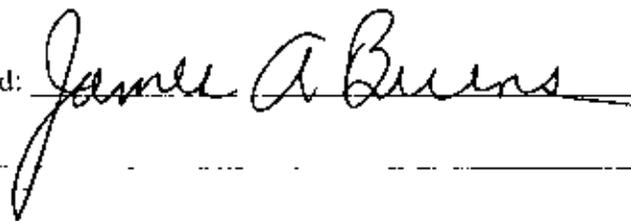
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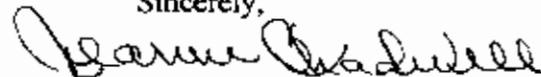
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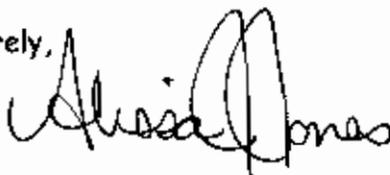
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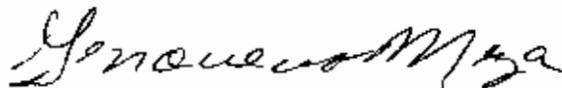
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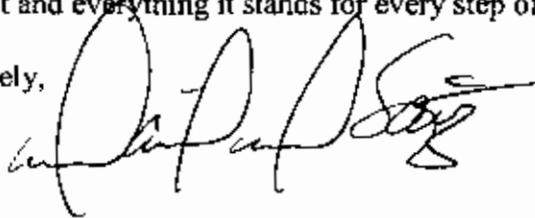
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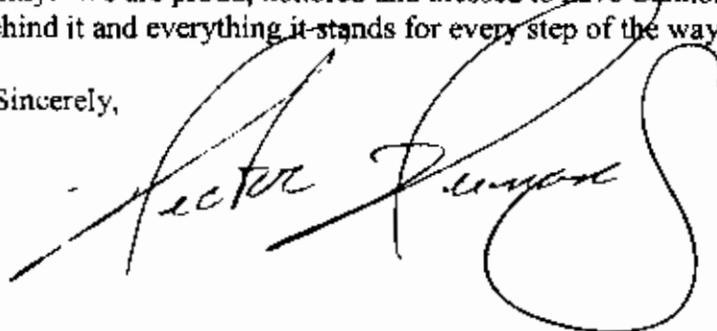
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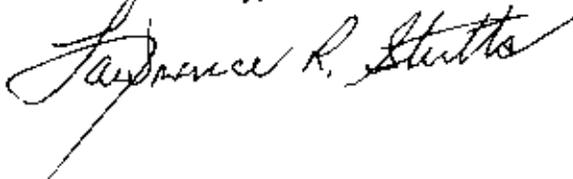
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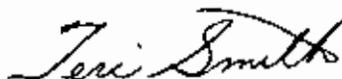
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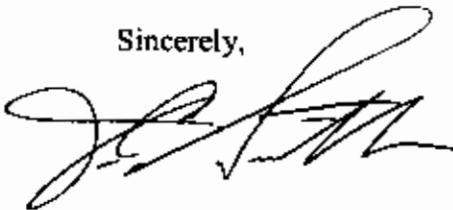
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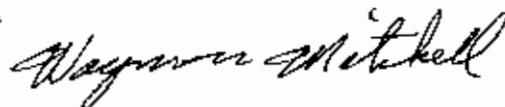
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BRAC Commissioner, Chairman Anthony Principi

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KEY MILITARY FACTS

- Abundance in air space with no encroachments
- Safer, more realistic training scenarios for all types of planes and missions
- Once implemented, supersonic flying through the N M Training Range Initiative
- Great year-round weather for flying conditions
- Melrose bombing range is seconds away
- New runways on the base—two runways, not just one
- Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements
- Support of training missions for F-22, F-35, Joint Strike Fighter, etc
- Award winning base on ACC, Air Force, and NAF levels
- A relationship like none other with the communities of Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding areas
- Large military retiree population within a 150 mile radius

KEY COMMUNITY FACTS:

- \$60 million expansion to Plains Regional Medical Center with new Heart, and Cancer Wings, 10,000 sq. ft. Rehab Center as well as the addition of 60+ new medical staff
- Expansions to Clovis Community College and Eastern NM University—classes offered on base
- New VA Clinic opened this year
- Expansion and new industry is providing job opportunities for spouses and children
- Many new housing developments are providing housing needs
- New restaurants, building suppliers, and retail businesses adding to the established base
- New Civic Center under construction for increased community events
- Military discounts offered by local businesses
- The best schools and teaching staff in NM
- A Christian-based community that is family oriented and caring
- Portales community was not considered in the economic impact of closure

Signed:           *Maria A. Putne*          

PS           *Keep Cannon (please)*          

This letter will be copied to send to the following:

CC: Commissioner James Bilbrary  
 Commissioner Philip Coyle  
 Commissioner Adm. Harold W Gehman, Jr.  
 Commissioner Rep. James V Hansen  
 Commissioner Gen. James Hill  
 Commissioner Gen Lloyd "Fig" Newton  
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# Operation KEEP CANNON *Letter Campaign*

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Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,  
(signature and address)

*Matthew  
1374 S. R. RD 21  
Rogers, OK*

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May 24, 2005

**BRAC COMMISSION**  
2521 S. Clark St.  
Arlington, Va 22202

**Re: CANNON AIR FORCE BASE ON CLOSURE LIST**

**HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:**

*Our City and Community, as well as Portales, Roosevelt County, Cities of Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas were all shocked to hear CANNON is on the closure list.*

*It is most difficult to understand why, as CANNON has met, in fact exceeded the requirements of the Pentagon Officials who developed the closure list. Millions of dollars have been spent recently on expanding the fire station, hospital, runway and the overpass.*

*It will be very devastating and far reaching for us, even closing one of our schools that mostly children of CANNON attends.*

*All consideration possible should be given to removing CANNON from the list. We are all human and can make a mistake, and I certainly feel a human error was made when CANNON was placed on the list.*

*I'm looking forward to attending your meeting in Clovis next month.*

*Sincerely;*

*Laura McFadden*

cc:

*President George W. Bush*  
*The White House*

*Gov. Bill Richardson*  
*Santa Fe, NM*

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*Barbara Black*

*We take great pride in our Base  
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

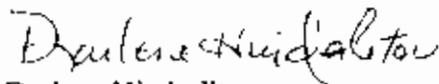
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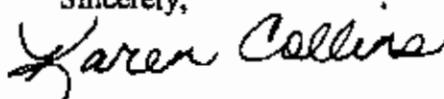
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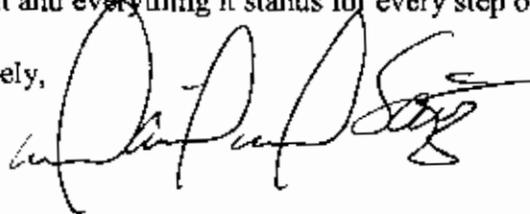
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BRAC Commission  
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Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

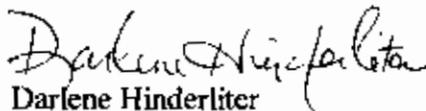
Dear Brigadier General Sue E. Turner:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base be closed. I am a Civilian Employee at Cannon and have been blessed to be part of this team for fifteen years. I've lived here most of my life and have seen the progress that Cannon has made for this community.

Cannon offers so many attributes to our National Defense. The airspace is extremely suitable for our training in order to accomplish our mission to remain free of terrorists. The area also provides quality education and a supportive community for our military families.

The closure of Cannon Air Force Base would have such a negative impact on Clovis and the surrounding areas. It is my opinion that we would never recover from the loss of Cannon. Please let us **KEEP CANNON!**

Sincerely,

  
Darlene Hinderliter