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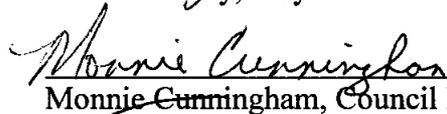
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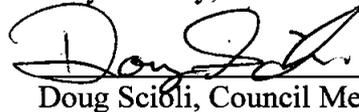
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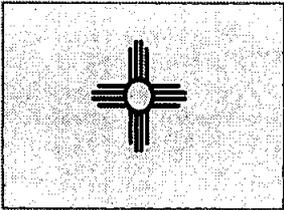

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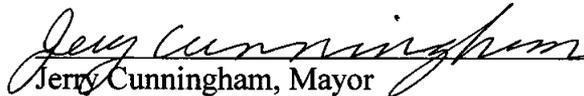
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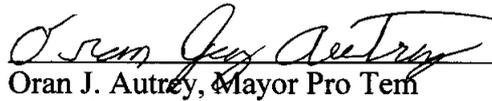
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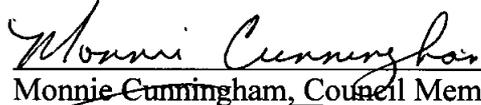
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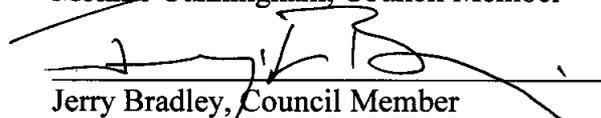
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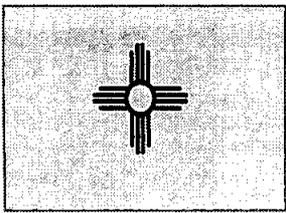

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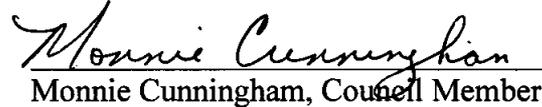
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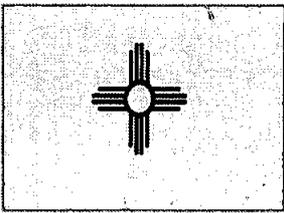

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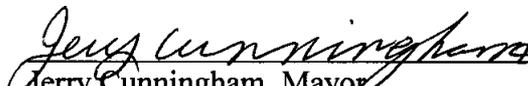
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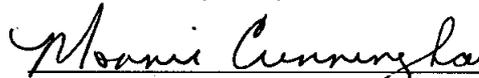
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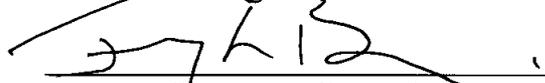
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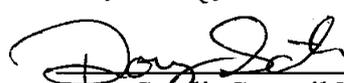
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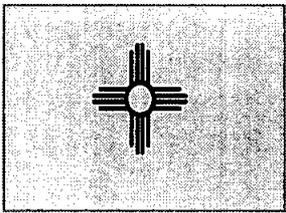

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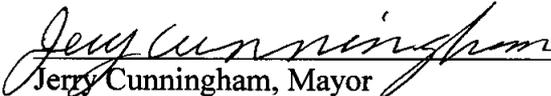
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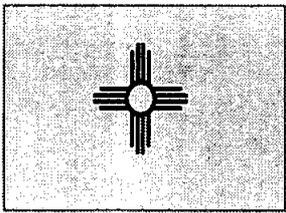

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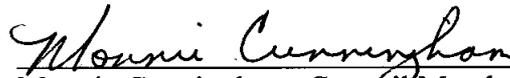
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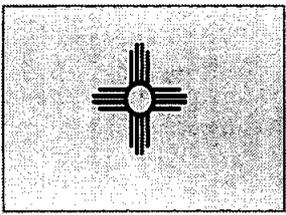
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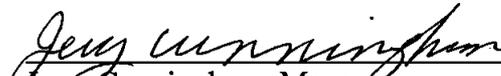
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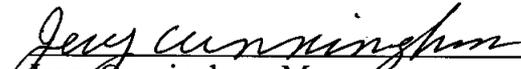
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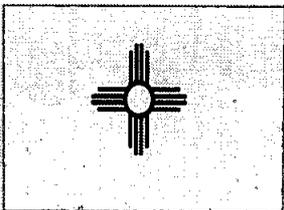

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It is our understanding that twenty-seven percent of the fighters in the Iraq war came from Cannon AFB and there was not a single plane lost or even one casualty. They have a reputation for safety and excellence. Cannon has one of the best safety records which can be attributed to the good weather conditions in Eastern New Mexico. Additionally, Cannon's maintenance record is one of the best in the Air Force and the infrastructure of the base continues to improve. For example, every light and wire on the runway will be new with a recently yet to be completed project. Surely, the closure of Cannon AFB can not be the reward for such a first class reputation.

We recognize that Cannon is a small base in relation to other bases and that some of the F 16 series of planes are being retired, however, it seems that transition would not be impossible if the mission were to change and another plane needed to be brought in. Cannon Air Force Base provides miles and miles of air space for training without having to worry about issues of vast amounts of casualties if an accident was to happen. As you know, training is an essential element of the readiness of the Air Force to do its mission and as such, the base has endless room for the expansion of the facility surrounding the base and bombing range without concern of encroachment by population. In addition, there are no commercial airports within a 100 mile radius of Cannon and as stated previously the weather in Easter New Mexico is ideal.

We ask the Committee to reevaluate the criteria for base closure and realignment with Cannon AFB in mind. Namely,

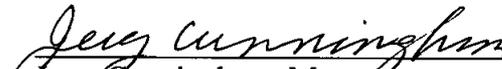
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- Current and future mission capabilities, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
- Availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace, including training areas.
- The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity.
- Infrastructure of existing communities to support forces, missions, and personnel.

We believe that such a reevaluation will prevent the closing of Cannon and allow the communities surrounding Cannon to continue to be committed to serving the needs of military personnel as well as the communities at large.

Again, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Texico we thank you for your consideration of the letter.



Jerry Cunningham, Mayor



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