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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
BRAC Commission  
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Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Sir:

In a time when the security of the United States and its' citizens is in greater jeopardy than at any time in history, I, as a resident of the southwestern part of our nation feel that closure of Cannon Air Force Base is dangerous to the nations security. As you are aware our southern borders are very leaky and people of all nations and political agendas, not merely poor Mexican laborers in search of work, can easily gain access.

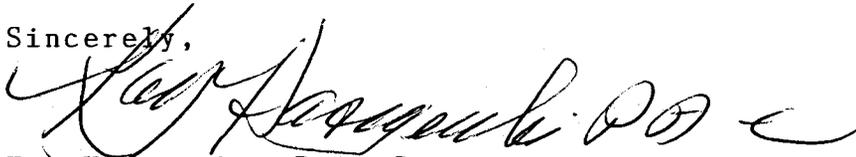
I live in a tiny hamlet 18 miles from Amarillo and 30 miles from the nuclear facility at Pantex, I have constant concerns that an attack on that facility would destroy all human and animal life for many many miles, it would destroy untold acres of arable, productive land, and turn the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles into a nuclear wasteland. Our air protection comes from Cannon, which also provides protection for much of western Texas as well as southern New Mexico.

I won't repeat here data on the suitability of the Clovis area for an Air Base, or even on the economic impact the closure will have on all of our communities, because I know this data has been presented by others.

My own biggest concern is the safety and well-being of this part of our grand nation. Strength and the ability and willingness to use it in self-protection, are what kept us safe through the long years of the cold war. The threat to our country has not gone away, the source has merely shifted and those who threaten us today are not rational dialectical materialists, but irrational religious fanatics, who are, as they have proven, totally unpredictable.

Please protect the Southwestern USA. Keep Cannon open.

Sincerely,



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