

June 9, 2005

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*losing Cannon Air Force Base would be felt all over NM and West Texas in the economy and in personal relationships.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Jane Henry*

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P. O. Box 149

Portales, NM 88130

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Dear Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.

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*Jane Henry*

*P. O. Box 149*

*Portales, NM 88130*

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Dear Brigadier General Sue E. Turner:

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*The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner:*

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Dear General Lloyd W. Newton:

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