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MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

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**FROM: 49 CES/CEV
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SUBJECT: Completion of Clean up of German Air Force (GAF) Tornado Crash Sites

1. In a previous letter, this office informed you that the clean up work at the crash sites of the two GAF Tornado aircraft has been essentially completed and the re-vegetation of Site 2 was also complete. Mr. Jim Carr of your Carlsbad Office indicated that Site 1 could require additional re-vegetation work. An appointment was made to re-inspect the site at the end of the growing season.
2. On 5 Oct 00, Mr. Carr again inspected Site 1 (and also Site 2) with representatives of Holloman AFB. The result of this inspection was that Site 1 had been satisfactorily re-vegetated. Site 2 still appeared to be re-growing satisfactorily. Mr. Carr indicated that he would recommend to the Santa Fe Office of the State Land Office that the Air Force be released from further responsibility for the crash sites.
3. Mr. Carr requested that the temporary silt fence and oil booms, installed at the site to ensure the capture of any petroleum-contaminated runoff, be removed. This was done on 17 Oct 00.
4. Based on this information, the Air Force considers the response to the crash of these aircraft complete and requests that the State Land Office provide a letter for our files to that effect.
5. Enclosed is a copy of the "Final Report for the Cleanup of the German Air Force Tornado Crash Sites" detailing the work performed by our contractor, as well as a letter addendum to that report detailing the re-inspection and the removal of the silt fence.
6. Thank you for the cooperation and assistance provided by your office and especially Mr. Jim Carr of the Carlsbad Office in resolving this issue.

7. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Court Fesmire or Mr. Jose Gallegos at (505) 572-5395.

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