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Dear Mr. Smith

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you and your Air Combat Training System O&M contractors for your professional assistance with Air Combat Command's investigation into the DIGS (DRS Integrated GPS Solution) issue that was causing P5 Combat Training System (P5CTS) pods to constantly reboot and lose data because of an anomaly with the latest GPS satellite to be activated. Your expertise with the Air Force's newest P5CTS provided critical information to ACC, the 689th Armament System Support Squadron, and the US Space Command.

Specifically, I want to thank Mr. Calvin Walker for his efforts in supporting the DIGS software investigation dealing with the satellite interface. Mr. Walker provided critical information during the initial findings and was able to accurately diagnosis the problem. Mr. Walker worked diligently with our P5CTS Program Office and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Wing to obtain necessary equipment specifications and integrate GPS data to provide a valuable solution. His professionalism and extensive P5CTS/GPS knowledge had a very positive impact in providing a remedy in a very timely manner with minimum impacts to operations.

Please accept and convey my deepest appreciation to Mr. Walker for his contributions. This was a significant accomplishment in the complex arena of P5CTS and a very positive step in maintaining combat readiness for the USAF.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Canipe", is positioned above the typed name.

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