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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thank you very much for your hospitality at the reception in honor of the Commissioning of the U.S.S. Columbia on January 5, 1996. Linda and I most appreciate the opportunity to meet you and to visit the White House.

Thank you also for the most gracious gesture of inviting the entire crew and families of the Columbia to the White House. This unprecedented event demonstrates your support of our Navy and our families. The entire Department of the Navy, I am certain, is proud of our First Lady.

Yours truly,

Richard O. Thomas