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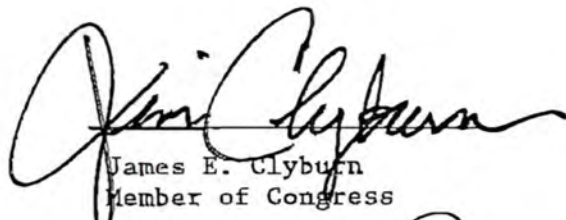
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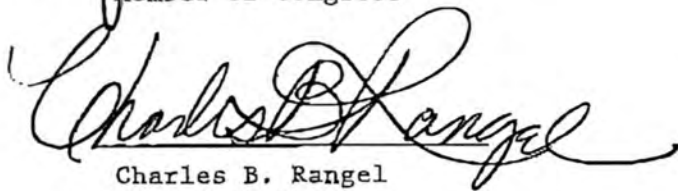
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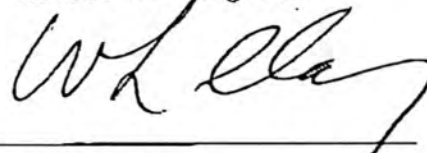
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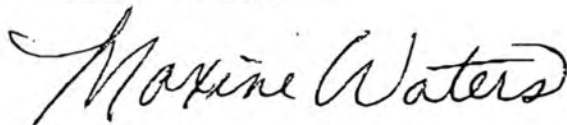
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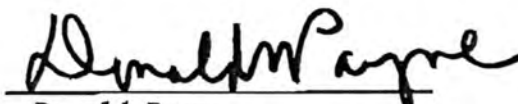
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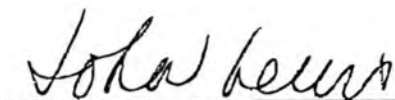
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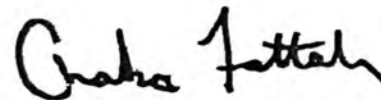
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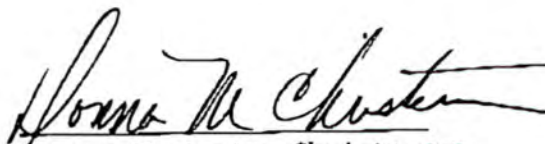


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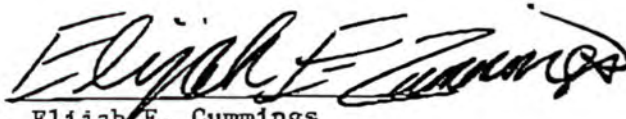


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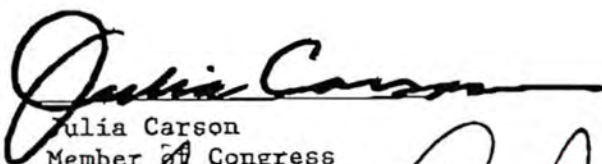
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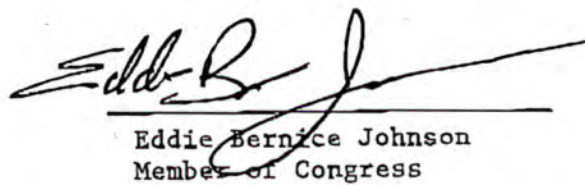
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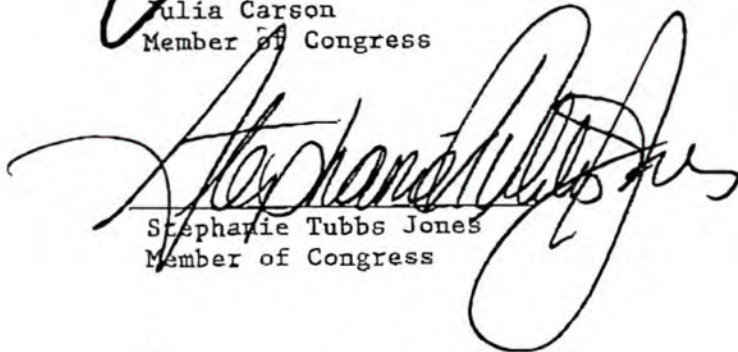
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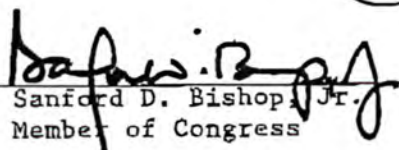
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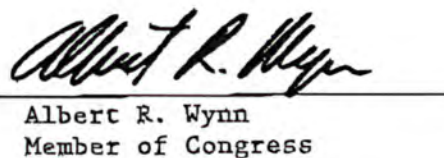
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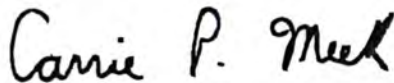
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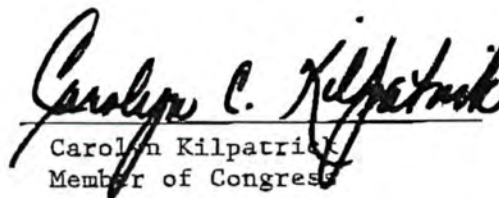
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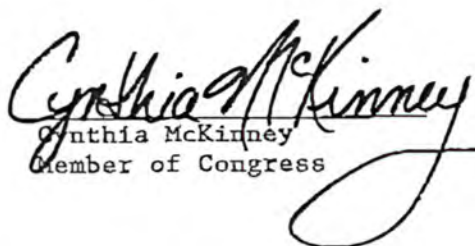
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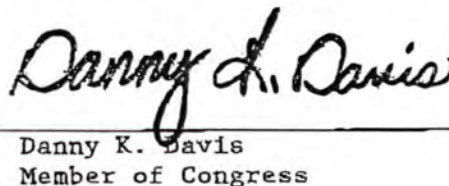
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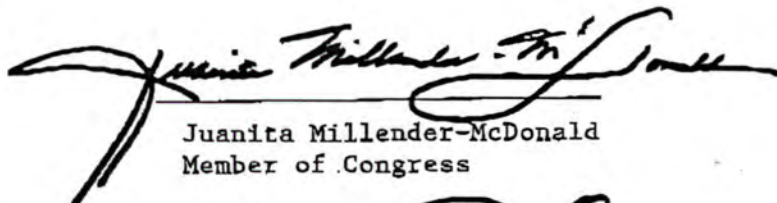


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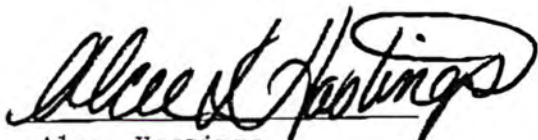
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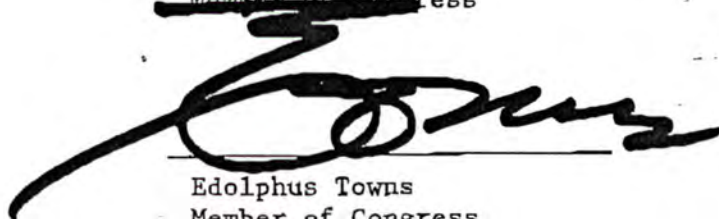
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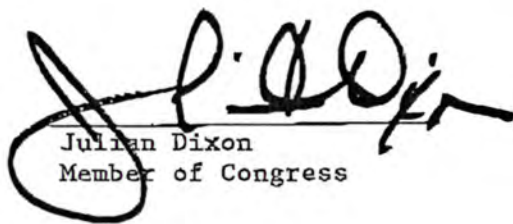
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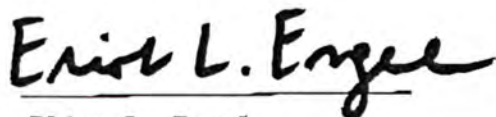
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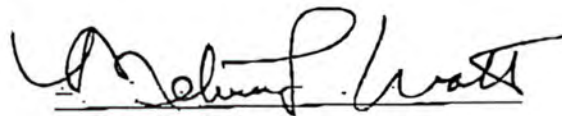
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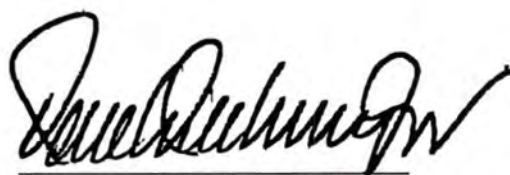
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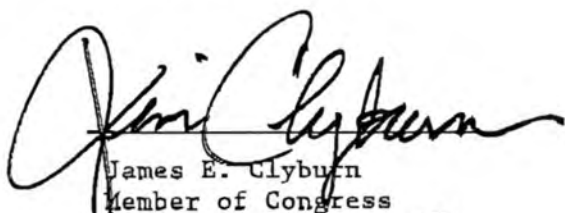
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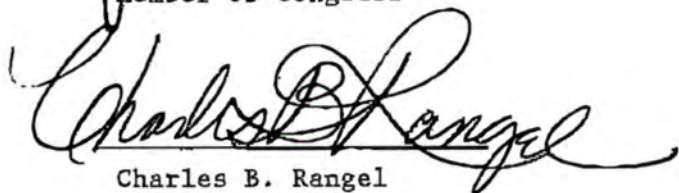
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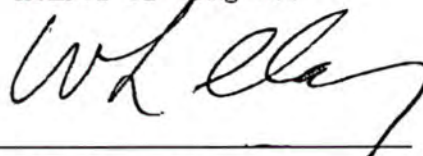
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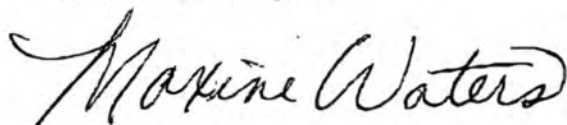
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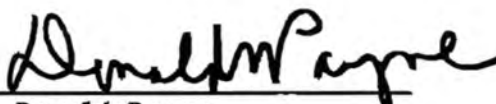
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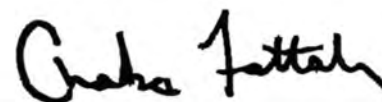
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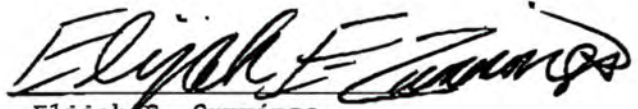


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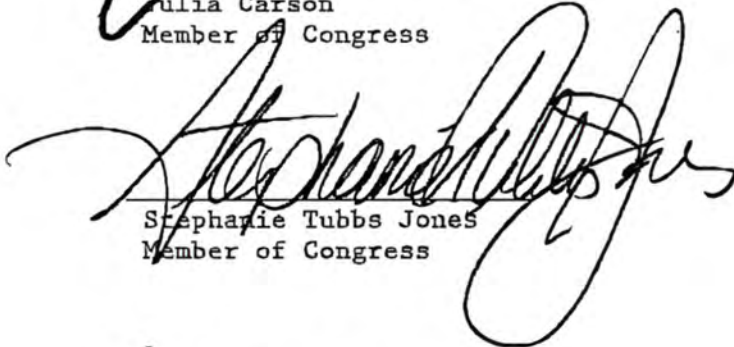
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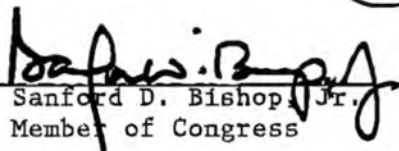
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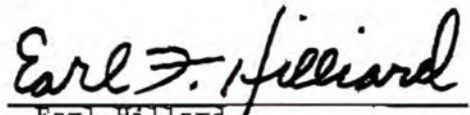
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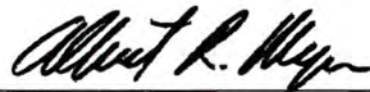
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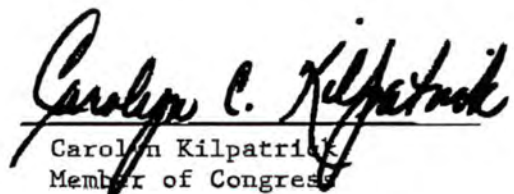
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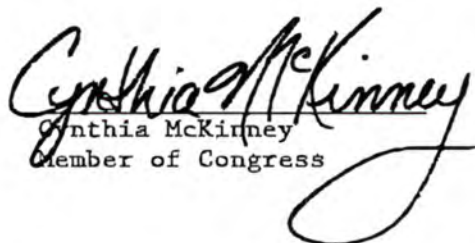
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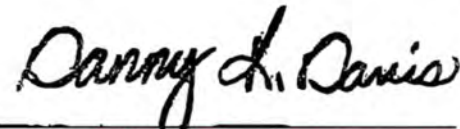
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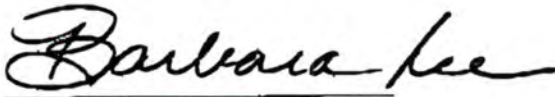


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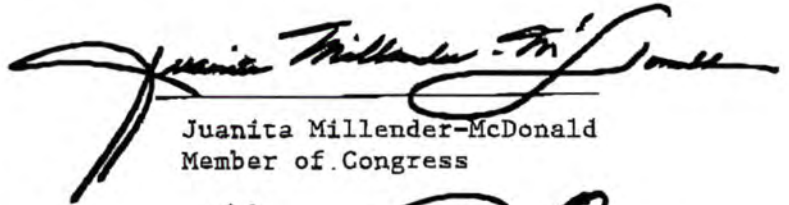


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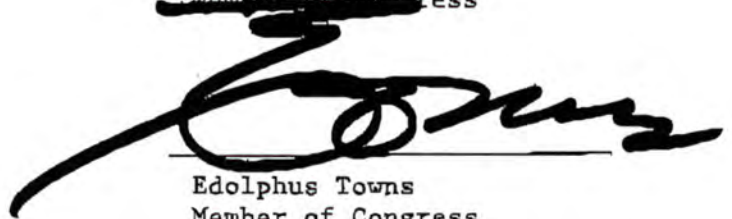
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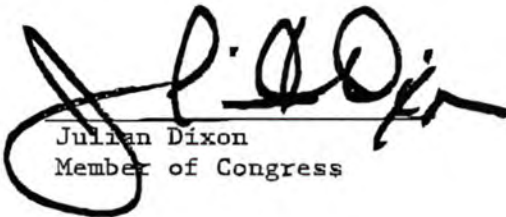
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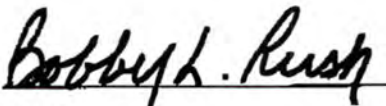
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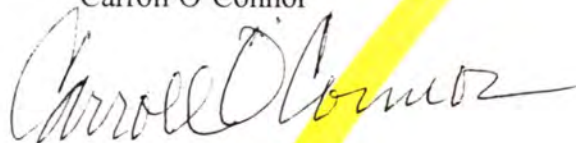
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You couldn't make a better choice for the Medal of Freedom than Jim Burke, presently head of the Partnership for a Drug Free America. His fine work is of the highest importance to the safety and well being of our country. It has been for me an honor and pleasure to work with him.

I talked with Hillary a few weeks ago in Beverly Hills and, as a native New Yorker, plan to work with her in the fall. For now, I'm teaching movie writing at this University. I see our friend Baucus now and then.

With every good wish and continued admiration, I remain your friend,

Carroll O'Connor



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Focus on history

Wheeler student tells tales of World War II veterans with new perspective

By Sue Meade
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

When Jeremiah Adams, a 16-year-old sophomore at Wheeler High School, had to write a research paper on World War II, he was not exactly excited.

"I'm not much of a writer. But I read seven books and watched seven movies on World War II," Jeremiah said. Still, the paper seemed too full of dry dates and statistics.

Then inspiration hit. Jeremiah decided to use his skills as an aspiring videographer to produce a 22-minute video interview, starring local veterans Clarence Hunt and Harold Davis. His extra credit efforts for Gerri Hajduk's world history class turned into extraordinary understanding.

"I do a lot of filming on the side. When this assignment came up, I thought, I can do better than this," Jeremiah said. His excitement at first was in his mass media skills — editing in real footage of World War II to spice up the interview.

"Then as I was doing it, all the things I had read about actually came to life with these guys. It brings it all closer to heart when you actually talk to these men. It makes me realize how emotional it must have been. It makes me want to thank them for fighting in this war and helping stop what was such a sickness," Jeremiah said.

Jeremiah acted as the technical director and producer, with help from friends sophomore James Pickwick at the camera and senior Bree Darden conducting the interview.

"It was really interesting. I was so glad they had so much to say. Both had sad stories to tell. Both had good stories to tell," Jeremiah said.

There was a time Davis was not willing or able to discuss his tour of duty fighting on the front lines. "For 25 years I wouldn't talk to my family, nobody. Finally I went to a reunion of my company in 1975 in Oklahoma and we sat there for five days and talked and that broke it loose," Davis said.

Davis and his wife, Willie Clyde Davis, have lived in Marietta since 1945. They have three children. Davis voluntarily entered the service at 19 as a private first class and retired as a master sergeant. With the 45th division under Gen. George Patton, Davis saw 511 combat days in 18 months of active duty. He fought in France, Germany and Italy.

"I wanted to be part of the action when I enlisted, and I got it alright. My company was in the first wave to go into southern France. They got mostly wiped out. Then in the Battle of the Bulge, I was one of only 11 men out of 204 in my division that walked out," Davis said.

Davis earned the medal of honor as well as many others, including the Purple Heart for a taking a bullet in his left leg. Jeremiah and his crew were impressed and moved by the vivid first-hand stories about blowing up German pill boxes



Staff photos by Damien A. Guarnieri

Wheeler High School sophomore Jeremiah Adams, 16, and senior Bree Darden, 18, look over scrapbooks with World War II veterans Harold Davis and Clarence Hunt, both of Marietta.

"It affected me physically and mentally both. It's something you can't get away from. It's always with you," Davis said. He kept his sanity in post-war life his work as a police officer.

Davis is in the VFW 2681 on Powers Ferry Road and enjoys giving speeches at area schools and organizations.

A kinder, gentler view of the war was supplied by Hunt. He and his late wife, Irene Brand Hunt, raised their children, Revonda and Brand, in Marietta since 1946. Hunt is retired from the Veteran's Administration and still works as a part-time barber.

Hunt was drafted in 1942. After completing his basic training in Texas, he spent his 27-month tour in Italy as a T-5 Technical Corporal in the 1108th Combat Engineer group. He was a driver and a barber.

He said participating in this video project stirred up old memories.

"For a flash or two, it'll still make you feel sad, but you go on, because it is the past and you have to keep it there," Hunt said.

Hunt's favorite story was the morning he came close to running over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was out for a morning walk.

"I thought 'oh no, that was Gen. Eisenhower!' If I'd have hit and killed him, there wouldn't have been a D-Day, no June 6!" Hunt said.

After viewing the video in Wheeler's mass media room, both men broke out in applause. "He did a good job," they agreed. Jeremiah then presented them each with their own copies, to share with future generations.

Jeremiah, son of Karen and William Adams, will wait out this Memo-

Hunt's medals help tell the stories of his World War II experiences.





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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND
May 15, 2000

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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May 15, 2000

Mr. Eric W. Woodard
Office of the First Lady
The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20502

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Dear Eric,

Per our previous conversations and e-mails, enclosed are background papers regarding the International Labor Organization's (ILO) request that President Clinton sign the enclosed piece of parchment to be included in the *Golden Book of Peace* which he was unable to sign at last year's International Labor Conference.

Please be assured that I will personally deliver the signed parchment to Ms. Barbara Lochon, Protocol, ILO, here in Geneva. During my coordination with Ms. Lochon over the past year, she plans to bind the piece of parchment into the book to be included with other Heads of State who have visited the ILO and signed the book.

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Feel free to contact me should you need additional information or have further questions. I can be reached here at the Mission at (41-22) 749-4624.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

March 26, 2000

Background Paper for the President:

Last June when you spoke at the International Labor Conference you were unable to sign the "Golden Book of Peace" due to logistical problems. The International Labor Organization would greatly appreciate your signature on the enclosed parchment so they can bind it into the book along with the signatures of other Heads of State.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri L. Mays". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Terri L. Mays
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