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I send greetings to those gathered for the 2008 reunion of the 69th Infantry Division.

Our men and women in uniform have triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe. They have shown us that freedom is the most powerful force on Earth and set a standard of courage and excellence that is unmatched. With selfless devotion to duty, courage in the face of danger, and unwavering valor and decency, the veterans of our Armed Forces have helped to advance freedom and make our Nation more secure. All of us who live in liberty live in their debt, and we will never forget their service and sacrifice.

This event is an opportunity to renew the strong bonds of friendships forged in adversity and celebrate the proud history and achievements of the 69th Infantry Division. Your continued commitment to each other and our country is an inspiration.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion. May God bless you, may God bless our troops and veterans, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barack", written in a cursive style.