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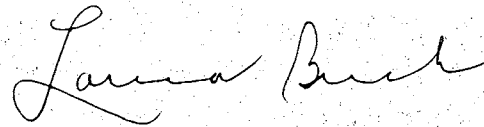
Mr. Dipak Haksar
ITC Hotel Maurya Sheraton and Towers
Diplomatic Enclave
Sardar Patel Marg
New Delhi 110 021

Dear Mr. Haksar,

Many thanks to you and your staff for everything you did for President Bush and me to make our stay at the Sheraton pleasant.

I am grateful for your kind note of welcome and the lovely pashminas. They are wonderful reminders of my first visit to your beautiful country.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura Bush". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text "With best wishes,".

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 2006

Sister Teresa Paul
Home Superior for the Jeevan Jyoti Home
New Delhi
India

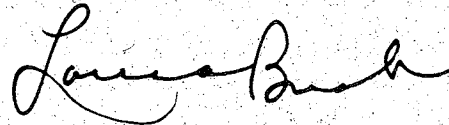
Dear Sister Teresa,

Thank you for a delightful visit to the Jeevan Jyoti Home. I enjoyed meeting the children and nuns and witnessing the love and encouragement that are so evident in the Home.

I am happy to have visited the classroom and occupational therapy room, and I will always remember the beautiful songs performed by the choir and the lovely lei Swati made and presented.

Please give my best wishes to the children and tell the nuns how much I admire their selfless devotion to these special children.

With warm regards,

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March 22, 2006

Sister Sabita
Regional Superior for the Delhi Region
Missionaries of Charity
New Delhi
India

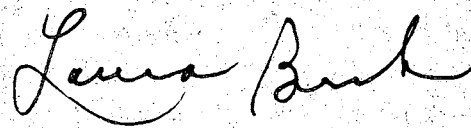
Dear Sister Sabita,

My time at Jeevan Jyoti Home is an experience I will always remember, and I am grateful to you, the nuns, and the children for your warm hospitality. Thank you for your kind greeting when I arrived and for your company during the tour.

I greatly admire how completely the Missionaries of Charity fulfill Mother Teresa's mission of caring for the most vulnerable members of society. The love and compassion of the nuns for the children is visible in all their interactions, and your effective leadership and guidance are evident.

President Bush joins me in sending admiration and best wishes.

With warm regards,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 2006

Mr. M. R. Naidu
Dean of Student Affairs
Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University
Hyderabad
India

Dear Professor Naidu,

Thank you for your warm greeting and the lovely flowers when I arrived at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. I appreciate your hospitality, as well as your good company during my visit.

The performance by the National Service Scheme students was delightful. Please tell them how much I enjoyed their welcoming song. The tambourine they presented will always remind me of this special occasion.

I am glad we met, and I am grateful to you for hosting the Freedom Foundation event.

With best wishes,



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March 22, 2006

Dr. Troy Cunningham
Manager of Projects
Freedom Foundation
India

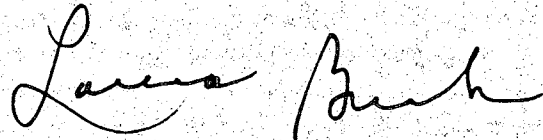
Dear Dr. Cunningham,

Thank you for serving as moderator during the children's special activity at the Freedom Foundation event. I appreciate seeing firsthand their drawings of their support networks.

I am happy that these children who face such serious challenges are being helped by the Foundation, and I send my admiration for the Foundation's positive impact on their lives.

Please tell the children how grateful I am for the shawl and framed picture. They will always remind me of our time together.

With best wishes,

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March 22, 2006

Ms. Chandana Marripally
Project Manager
Freedom Foundation
India

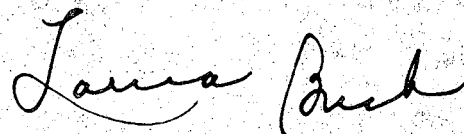
Dear Ms. Marripally,

The roundtable discussion at the Freedom Foundation event was interesting and informative. To hear firsthand the accounts of these women who face such obstacles is an experience I will long remember.

Thank you for your skillful handling of the duties as moderator during the discussion and especially for your dedication to the hard work of Freedom Foundation. The benefit of your help is evident in the comments of these women, as is their gratitude.

Please thank the ladies for their lovely gifts. The beautiful handmade linens will always remind me of this special occasion.

With best wishes,

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March 22, 2006

Ms. Kathleen Kay
Executive Director
Family Health International
India Office

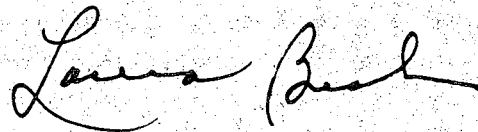
Dear Kathleen,

The briefing on the work of Freedom Foundation and Family Health International was very interesting and informative, and I appreciate your participation.

Later as I watched the activity by the younger children and then listened to the stories of the young women, the positive effect of the support and encouragement they have received from FHI and Freedom Foundation became evident. I am grateful for your leadership of FHI and especially for your hard work and dedication.

I enjoyed our time together and send my best wishes.

With warm regards,

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March 22, 2006

Dr. Ashok Rau
Executive Director
Freedom Foundation
India

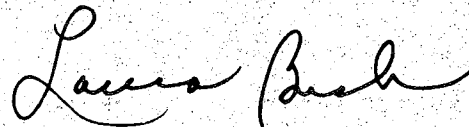
Dear Dr. Ashok,

Thank you for participating in the Freedom Foundation briefing. I appreciate your interesting overview of these programs to combat HIV/AIDS in India.

Thank you especially for your dedication and hard work with the Foundation and USAID. I am happy to have seen first hand the fruits of your labor. Hope was evident in the faces of the Foundation children during their activity, as well as in the personal accounts of the young women at the roundtable.

President Bush joins me in sending appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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March 21, 2006

Mr. Amod Kanth
c/o Beth Hogan
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U.S. Embassy
9000 New Delhi Place
Washington, D.C. 20521-0001

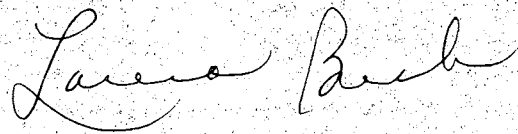
Dear Mr. Kanth,

Thank you for your warm greeting when I arrived at Prayas. Please tell the girls how much I appreciate their enthusiastic welcome. I will long remember their dancing, singing and the lovely flowers.

Thank you especially for showing me the computer laboratory, beauty shop, workshop, and classroom. The positive environment and hum of activity in each area speaks volumes about Prayas.

I admire your hard work to provide education for these young girls who have faced so many hardships and who, thanks to Prayas, now have brighter futures.

With best wishes,

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March 23, 2006

Ms. Aruna Katragadda
Department Head
Professor of Foods and Nutrition
Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University
India

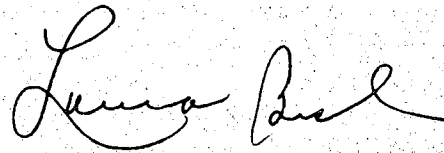
Dear Professor Aruna,

The process of making guava cheese is quite interesting! I am happy to have seen firsthand the success of your outreach to women in rural areas to expand their education. Clearly, their new skills enrich their lives and enhance their opportunities.

Please express my gratitude to Ms. Suguna for the demonstration and the marvelous basket of cheese.

I am happy to have met both of you and send my best wishes and appreciation.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 23, 2006

Dr. Nalini Gangadharan
Executive Director
Child and Progress
Hyderabad
India

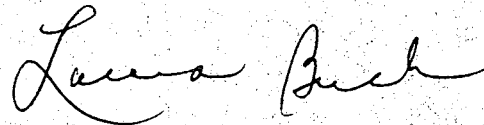
Dear Dr. Gangadharan,

Thank you for serving as moderator for the roundtable discussion with such a distinguished group of women leaders. The conversation about the aspirations and challenges of women in India was fascinating.

The achievements of the participants are impressive, and I admire their determination to encourage women in all sectors of society to make the most of their talents.

Please convey to them my gratitude for the lovely fabric garland. It will always remind me of our time together.

With best wishes,

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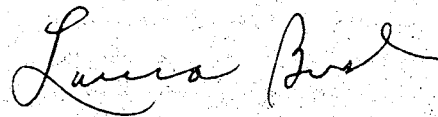
Ms. Vijaya Khader
Dean, Faculty of Home Science
Acharya N.G., Ranga Agricultural University
India

Dear Professor Khader,

Thank you for your warm welcome to the Food and Nutrition Center and for your hospitality during my visit. I greatly enjoyed touring the Center and viewing the demonstration.

Your work to reach out to women in rural villages and teach them valuable domestic skills is admirable. I appreciate learning about your work and am glad we met.

With best wishes,

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March 24, 2006

Mrs. Jeannie Mulford
U.S. Embassy
New Delhi
India

Dear Jeannie,

Thanks for your companionship during my visit to India. Your presence made each of the events more enjoyable, and I appreciate your devoting so much of your time to accompanying me.

President Bush and I are grateful to you and the Ambassador for your service to the nation, and we especially admire your charitable work in India.

The beautiful hand-embroidered table linens are perfect for the ranch and great reminders of our time together.

With warm regards,

Laura

P.S. Dr Rile, Anita and Lindsey
all chose sets of placemats
and then I was left with
three sets, all perfect for my
china sets! Thank you, thank you.
Love Laura

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 20, 2006

Ms. Nandita Baruah
c/o Beth Hogan
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U.S. Embassy
9000 New Delhi Place
Washington, D.C. 20521-0001

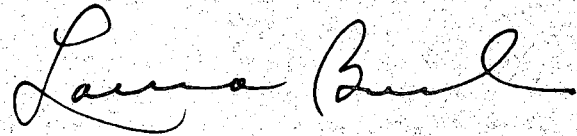
Dear Ms. Baruah,

Thank you for your fine job as moderator of the roundtable discussion at Prayas. I appreciate participating and learning the girls' stories. Thanks to the concerned adults at Prayas, the hopes and dreams of these girls are now achievable.

Thank you also for your dedication to USAID. I admire your efforts to end trafficking and to help children who have been exploited.

President Bush joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 2006

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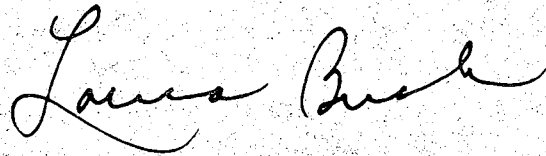
Dear Nafisa,

Thank you for participating in the "Gali Gali Sim Sim" taping with me. I greatly enjoyed our time together and appreciate your making the occasion so much fun.

Your work with Action India and The Naz is admirable, and I am grateful for your letter and the information about your work to combat AIDS and to care for its victims. I am sharing this information with my projects office.

President Bush joins me in sending best wishes.

With warm regards,

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