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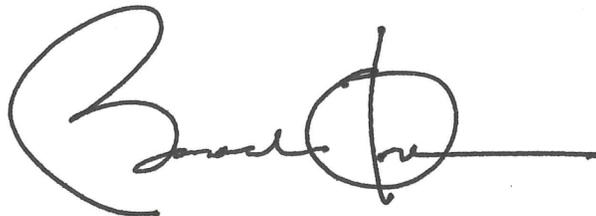
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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 237th birthday of the United States Army.

From the earliest days of the American Revolution through our ongoing operations around the world, our Nation has been safeguarded by brave soldiers who stepped forward and swore an oath to defend our way of life. Through their unwavering service, generations of heroes have ensured our country stands strong, our founding principles still shine, and people around the world know the blessings of freedom.

Our Nation is forever indebted to all who wear the uniform of the United States, and we are bound by a sacred trust to care for our service members and their families. The strength of our soldiers depends on the well-being of their loved ones, and as we strive to uphold our obligation, we keep faith with the selfless families who give so much to preserve our Union.

With every assignment and in every theater, in times of war and in times of peace, the men and women of the United States Army perform their duties with the utmost professionalism. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your service. May God bless and protect you and your families, and may God bless the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned at the bottom center of the page.