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HONORING THEM WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF
FREEDOM**

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Melinda and Bill Gates

December 9, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for honoring us with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The White House event was fantastic. Your warmth and enthusiasm made it even more special.

We enjoyed meeting all of the other honorees and hearing their stories. We had a family vacation that week in Sydney, Australia, so it was a long trip to DC and back but well worth it. Our son Rory will treasure the photo we took with him and the warm words you said to him when you met him.

It is particularly special for us to get this honor from you. We admire so much your values, your integrity and the way you have handled the work of being President.

We have valued the work you and your cabinet have done with us and our Foundation on education and foreign aid. You have been a strong leader in both of these areas.

*With the greatest thanks
and admiration,*

Bill

Bill Gates

*You have been such
an inspiration to us,*

Melinda

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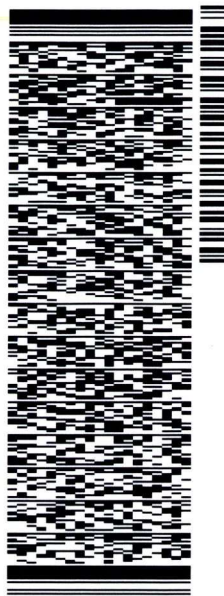
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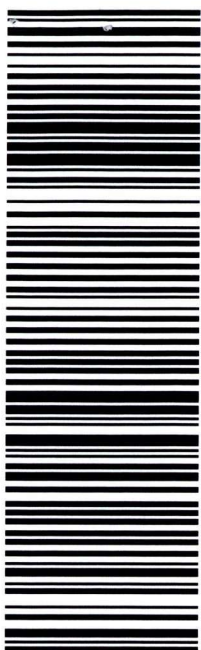
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