



THE WHITE HOUSE
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I send greetings to those gathered for the Seventh Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days.

Throughout our history, music has captured the imagination of our citizens, influenced our cultural heritage, and helped reflect the creativity of our Nation. Since 2002, this event has celebrated Daniel Pearl's life and legacy by extending the joy of music to others and connecting people from different cultures and backgrounds. This occasion is an opportunity to recognize the ability of music to speak to every heart and honor a gifted journalist and musician who inspired many through his personal conviction and pursuit of truth and tolerance.

I appreciate all those who worked hard to make this event possible. Your efforts help preserve the memory of Daniel Pearl and make our country a richer and more vibrant place.

Laura and I send our best wishes to the entire Pearl family.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Barack".