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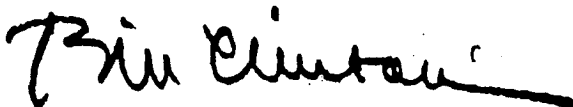
Dear Greg:

Thank you very much for your letter. I always enjoy hearing from our nation's young people, and it's good to know that you are involved in issues that are important to you.

I appreciate having your suggestion to designate January 1 as a day of peace and sharing. I have worked hard throughout my Administration to promote world peace and to bring people together, and I'm deeply grateful for your caring commitment to these important goals. While it is not within my power to declare a national holiday, I want you to know that I have shared your request with members of my staff to explore the possibility of issuing a proclamation for the observance.

You should be very proud of all you have accomplished so far, and I hope that you will always reach to fulfill your dreams. You can achieve all that you aspire to with your singular determination and talent. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.