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Ms. Julie Borlaug
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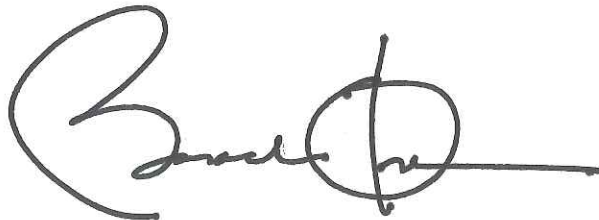
Dear Julie:

I am pleased to join in celebrating the life of your grandfather, Dr. Norman Borlaug. With unwavering commitment to feeding the hungry, leaders like your grandfather profoundly changed the way we develop food products that are accessible to the world's increasing population. The technological advances pioneered by Dr. Borlaug are a model of the American spirit of innovation and ingenuity. And above all, his support of investment in education and continued research in the biotechnology field are inspirational as we pursue developing new products that can nourish the world's vast population.

While I was running for President, your grandfather wrote to me about the importance of agricultural development. I share his belief that investment in enhanced biotechnology is an essential component of the solution to some of our planet's most pressing agricultural problems. Through our new regional climate change hubs, we will use the sorts of technologies pioneered by your grandfather to help farmers and ranchers face the climate challenges ahead. And I will continue to work with the Department of Agriculture and others to explore innovative solutions to address food security challenges and mitigate the effects of climate change.

The agricultural community is indebted to your grandfather's service, and our Nation will continue to engage in research and development in support of his life's mission to feed the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.