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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

November 17, 2004

I send greetings to those gathered for the Ninth Annual Symposium of the Lincoln Forum.

President Abraham Lincoln's leadership and moral clarity united Americans and left behind a better and stronger Nation. He inspired our country to live up to the founding principle that all men are created equal. And he expressed America's resolve that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

I commend participants for your dedication to understanding the life and accomplishments of our 16th President. By remembering the principles of liberty and tolerance for which President Lincoln stood, we can help strengthen the foundations of democracy and build a world where all people can live in freedom and peace.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Bush".