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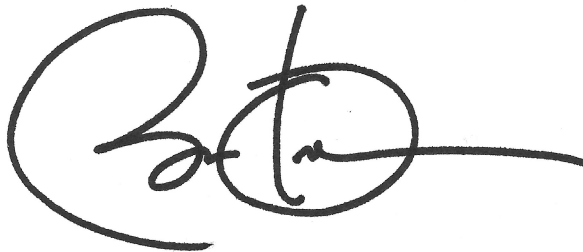
Dear Hideko:

Thank you for writing and for sharing your story with me. I want you to know I am moved by your gracious gesture.

I visited Hiroshima to reaffirm my commitment to working toward a world without nuclear weapons. We have a shared responsibility to look directly into the eye of history and ask what we must do differently to prevent such suffering from ever happening again. It is through the examples set by the hibakusha that we are able to define ourselves not by our capacity for war, but by our common humanity. Since that fateful day, we have made choices that give us hope, and stories like yours are a testament to how far we have come. So long as more people take the time to understand the past and embrace compassion, I am confident a brighter, more peaceful future lies ahead.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful gift. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is centered below the text "Sincerely,".