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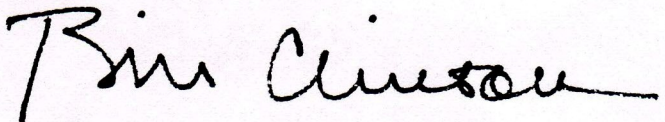
Dear Jessica:

I would like to express my personal appreciation and that of the nation for your expert contribution to the team that managed the successful transfer of dangerous nuclear materials from Kazakhstan to safe storage in the United States. This operation, code-named Project Sapphire, was an important step in our efforts to meet the proliferation challenges of the post Cold War era. With your help, the Sapphire team created the political, legal and operational mechanisms necessary to bring this mission to a successful conclusion.

As a direct result of your untiring efforts over a period of several months, this sensitive, vulnerable nuclear material -- over half a ton of weapons grade, highly enriched uranium -- will no longer present a proliferation risk to the United States or the international community.

Thank you for your excellent work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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