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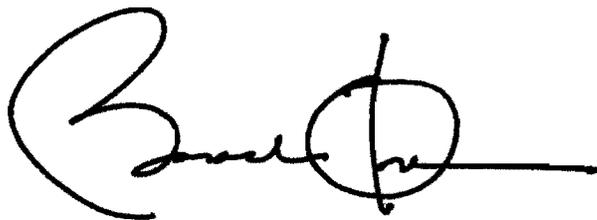
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I send greetings to the international community wintering in Antarctica.

Guided by a passion for innovation and discovery, your research is changing the way we view our world. Carrying forward a rich legacy of scientific advances in Antarctica, your efforts provide vital insights into rising sea levels and increase our understanding of global climate change.

As you continue to brave harsh winter nights, know that your bold example will inspire future generations to expand the horizons of human knowledge. In keeping with the enduring Antarctic Treaty, your work will lead to broader cooperation among nations as we promote environmental stewardship and preserve our planet.

May your new findings and friendships continue to benefit us all. I extend my best wishes for a productive and satisfying year, and I thank you for a job well done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized initial "B" and a circular flourish.