

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wenzel 2  
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Dear Gladys and Mitchell:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of your son, Gregg David Wenzel, who was killed in the line of duty on July 9, 2003, while working for the Central Intelligence Agency's National Clandestine Service in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I understand your son joined the Central Intelligence Agency to serve our country and to protect our freedoms. Our Nation will not forget his sacrifice, and we can never repay our debt to your family.

A simple letter cannot ease the pain of losing a son, but I hope you take solace in knowing that his brave service exceeded all measures of selflessness and devotion to his country. We honor him not only as a guardian of our liberty, but also as a true embodiment of America's spirit of service to a cause greater than ourselves.

Michelle and I offer our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that God's grace gives you comfort as you grieve. In life, your son was a shining example of what is best in our land. In rest, may he find the peace we all seek.

Sincerely

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