



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 2001

The Honorable Elzie Odom
Mayor of Arlington
Post Office Box 231
Arlington, Texas 76004

Dear Mayor Odom:

Thank you for sending me the banner from the citizens of Arlington. Their words of encouragement and support mean a great deal to me, and I hope that you will convey my thanks to them.

In the face of the acts of war committed against the United States on September 11, our country remains strong, a beacon of freedom and opportunity to the rest of the world. As we pursue those responsible, Americans of every creed, ethnicity, and national origin must unite against our common enemies.

Thank you again for the expression of friendship from Arlington. God bless you, and God bless America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written in a cursive style.

George W. Bush