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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 54th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution.

The Hungarian people's struggle against tyranny neither began nor ended in October 1956. Yet, the lasting effects of the Hungarian Revolution that autumn advanced the cause of freedom throughout Eastern Europe, carrying the bright light of liberty to the darkest corners of oppression.

On this occasion, we both honor Hungary's journey as a sovereign nation, and we recognize the bonds between our peoples and countries. Hungary remains a steadfast friend and valued NATO ally. Countless Hungarian Americans have contributed to the growth and prosperity of the United States, and they continue to flourish in all areas of our national life while preserving their proud traditions.

As you mark this anniversary and pay tribute to the legacy of Hungarians and Hungarian Americans, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Barack' followed by a stylized 'O' and a long horizontal stroke.