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Mr. Alex Melen
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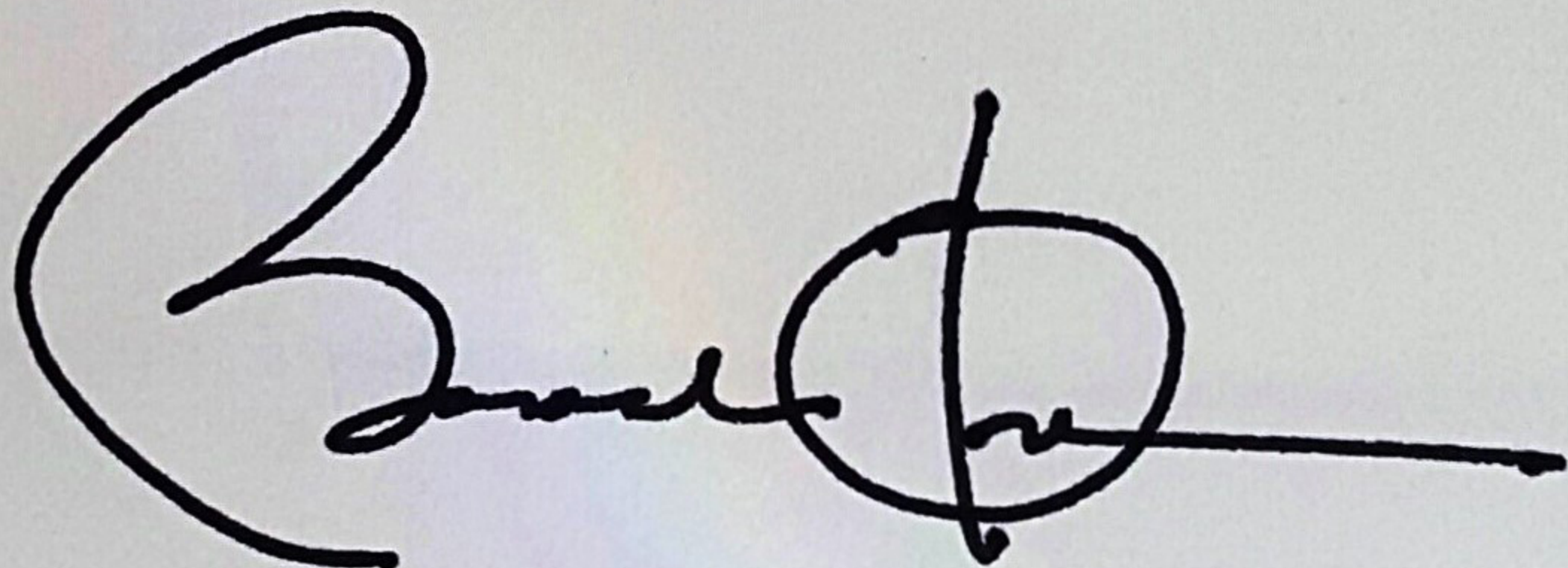
Dear Alex:

Thank you for meeting with members of my Administration.

Youth engagement is vital to maintaining a vibrant democracy, and I appreciate your sharing your insights. As a driving force for change, young people bring fresh ideas and a unique perspective to our national dialogue. I am committed to hearing their voices and empowering them to help shape the future by taking action in the present.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtful participation. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

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