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Dear Lee:

Please express my warmest greetings to all who participate in this UNESCO Conference on the Environment. I hope you will particularly applaud the timely theme of this important meeting, "Man and His Environment: A View Toward Survival;" for it appropriately highlights the urgency of our common problems in an area that affects each member of the community of nations. When it comes to our environment, we are all neighbors. And this is a fact that none of us can afford to neglect.

As you and your colleagues discuss questions that appear to be of local or national interest, I am sure you will find that what one nation learns about solutions to its own problems can very often potentially profit another. And as you consider global atmospheric changes frequently incurred by our advancing civilization, or probe the threat posed by polluted oceans and expanding populations, you will be serving the highest causes of humanity.

May your deliberations be rewarding, and may the well-being of all mankind be advanced by the useful inventory you will be taking of how best to preserve and apply existing national resources to the optimum benefit of present as well as future generations.

I commend this Conference for addressing the great international challenge of managing our environment. It is a subject that offers unprecedented opportunities for us to work together. And I pledge to all who attend the full cooperation of the United States.

Sincerely,

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