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Dear Dr. Hector:

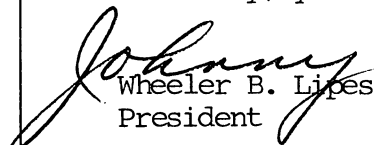
I certainly was pleased that the President of the United States awarded you the highest civilian honor that can be given to a citizen. Your selection to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom reflects the great work that you have done for so many, many years. You took the challenge at a time in American history when it was possible to achieve objectives only through perseverance and total commitment to freedom for all.

It is with great pride that I work with you as a leader and a friend, whose compassion for the sick and injured is unparalleled, and whose personal relationships with others makes this a better world for all of us.

My faith is confirmed that good works are recognized and you deserve this national recognition and honor. As an American, I am pleased to share in the knowledge that this special tribute to a very special man is finally being accomplished by the President of the United States.

May God Bless You and protect you and your family as you have protected and defended others during your illustrious career of serving others.

Sincerely, your friend,

  
Wheeler B. Lipes  
President