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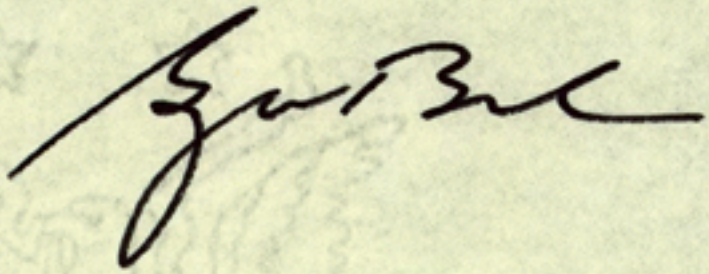
I send greetings to those gathered at the Hoover Dam to celebrate the signing of the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement. This is a historic Agreement that settles longstanding disputes and improves the lives of citizens in the Western United States.

Through a creative solution that involves water marketing, conservation, and technology, this Agreement allows the Colorado River to meet emerging water needs and provides certainty for the people of the Basin States. I commend all those involved for your commitment to finalizing this Agreement.