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I send greetings to those gathered for the Opening Ceremony of the European Humanities University 2006 Spring Semester.

Thomas Jefferson said of education, "No other sure foundation can be devised for the preservation of freedom and happiness." With the great courage and determination of many individuals, your university has overcome enormous challenges and shown the world that the love of liberty is stronger than the will of tyranny. By educating and informing young Belarusians and others, your school serves as a beacon of hope and gives the next generation of leaders the knowledge and understanding to build a world where people everywhere enjoy freedom and dignity.

The United States is committed to supporting efforts to advance democracy, prosperity, and security throughout the world. I appreciate the administration, faculty, students, and other supporters of EHU for your dedication to education despite adversity. Your courage is an inspiration to those aspiring to freedom around the globe.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".