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**NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:** MR. DAVID MERCER

**SUBJECT:** MIDDLE-AGED MIDDLE-CLASS WHITE MALE VETERAN LIVING IN CONSERVATIVE COUNTY THANKS POTUS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SAYS U.S. IS BETTER OFF TODAY THAN IT WAS WHEN POTUS TOOK OFFICE; DESCRIBES TWO EPISODES THAT SPEAK TO POTUS' CHARACTER AS LEADER — BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN PEOPLE, RESPECTING MILITARY

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**Submitted:** 12/7/2016 12:21 PM EST

**Email:** [Redacted]

**Phone:** [Redacted]

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**Address:** [Redacted]

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**Message:** I am writing to thank you for your last eight years of leadership. Although I am not of your typical constituency — I am a middle-aged middle-class white man, a veteran of the US Army, living in one of the most conservative counties in Alabama — I can objectively say that America is better off today than it was eight years ago when you took office.

Two episodes occurred during your presidency which speak to your character as leader:

1. In July 2009, you invited Professor Gates and Sergeant Crowley to the White House to share a beer with you. You are a bridge-builder. I wish more people would share a beer with their adversaries.
2. In October of 2009, as you were considering sending more troops to Afghanistan, you visited Dover Air Force Base to view the coffins of our servicemen being brought home. You understood the gravity of the decision before you. You alone bear the responsibility for making the hard decisions required of our president, while every single one of the rest of us can have clear consciences and the luxury of complaining after the fact. Thank-you for taking that responsibility seriously.

As you are preparing to leave office, despite the emotions of the recent election, know that even in Baldwin County, Alabama — one of the reddest counties in the Union — you have a friend. Should you ever find yourself in the area, I have a cold beer waiting for you. And if not, know that I hold you in high regard. Thank-you for your leadership. America is better for it.

Sincerely,

David Mercer