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The following transcript is taken from a press briefing Barack Obama conducted in response to the Boston bombings. This briefing occurred on April the 16<sup>th</sup> 2013.

The following symbols are used in the transcript (see back page for detachable insert).

<b>Transcription Symbols</b>	
.	Final falling/level intonation unit
,	Continuing intonation unit
?	Final rising intonation unit
<b>Slashes</b>	/ (rising pitch); \ (falling pitch)
..	Brief pause
...	Longer pause
-	Truncated word
=	Lengthened word
<??>	Uncertain transcription
<b>XX</b>	Unclear/indecipherable
<P...P>	Soft
<PP...PP>	Very soft
<F...F>	Loud
<FF...FF>	Very loud
<A...A>	Fast speech
<L...L>	Low speech

## **PRESIDENT OBAMA CALLS BOSTON BOMBING AN 'ACT OF TERROR'**

1. XX <? ago? > on the attacks in Bos=ton/
2. We continue to <F mobilise F>
3. and employ all appropriate law enforcement resources
4. to protect our citizens\ ..
5. and investigate a=nd to respond to this attack\
6. Ah obviously our first thoughts this morning are ah
7. with the victims\
8. their families ..
9. and the citizens of Boston\
10. We know that .. two explosions
11. gravely wounded doz=ens of Americans\
12. <P and took the lives of others
13. including a= 8 year old boy P> ..
14. This was a hei=nous and cowardly <F act F>
15. and given what we= now know about what took place,
16. the FBI is investigating it as an act of terrorism\
17. Any time bombs are <F used F> .. to target innoccent
18. civilians,
19. it is an act of terror\
20. What we do=n't yet know however,
21. is who carried out this attack/
22. or why\ ..
23. whether it was <F planned F>
24. and executed by a terrorist organisation/
25. foreign or domestic/
26. or= was the act of a malevolent individual\
27. That'ss what we don't yet know\
28. and clearly we are at the beginning of our investigation\

29. it will take time to d- to follow up every lead/  
30. and determine what happened\  
31. but we will find out.  
32. We will .. find= whoever harmed our citizens  
33. and we will bring them .. to <F justice F> ...  
34. We also know <F this F>,  
35. the American people refuse to be terrorised\  
36. because what the= world saw yesterday in the aftermath of  
37. the explosions were ..  
38. stories of heroism/  
39. and kindness  
40. and generosity/  
41. and love\  
42. Exhausted runners who .. kept running to the nearest  
43. hospital to give blood,  
44. and those who stayed to tend to the wounded/..  
45. some tearing off their own clothes to make tourniquets/  
46. the first respond=ers who ran into the chaos to save lives,  
47. the men and women who are still= treating the wounded,  
48. at some of the best hospitals in the world\  
49. and the medical students who hurried to help= ..  
50. saying when we <F heard F>  
51. we all came in\  
52. the <FpriestsF> who opened their churches/  
53. and ministered to the hurt,  
54. and the fearful  
55. and the good people of Boston who opened their homes  
56. to the victims of this attack,  
57. and those shaken by it\

58. So if you want to know who we are F/  
59. what America is F/  
60. how we respond to evil/  
61. that's it.  
62. selflessly ..  
63. compassionately ..  
64. unafraid\  
65. In the coming days we will pursue every effort  
66. to get to the bottom of what happened  
67. and we will continue to remain vigilant=  
68. I've directed my administration to take appropriate security  
69. measures to protect the American people ..,  
70. and this is a good time for all of us to remember that ...  
71. we all have a part to play in alerting authorities ..  
72. if you see something suspicious\  
73 .. speak up.  
74. I have extraordinary confidence in the men and women  
75. of the FBI/  
76. the Boston Police Department and the other agencies that  
77. responded so heroically and effectively in the aftermath of  
78. yesterday's events.  
79. Um I'm very grateful for the leadership of Governor  
80. Patrick F\  
81. And Mayor Manino F\  
82. and I know that even as we protect our people and  
83. aggressively pursue this investigation,  
84. the people of Boston will continue to respond..  
85. in the same proud .. and heroic way  
86. that they have thus far\

87. and their fellow Americans will be ..

88. right there with them\

89. thank you very much

90. and <FF you can expect FF>,

91. further briefings

92. from uh law enforcement officials,

93. ah as the the day goes on.

94. uh when we have more details/ ..

95. they will be disclosed/

96. What I've indicated to you is what we know now\

97. We know was ... bombs that were set off/

98. We know\

99. that ah <L obviously they did L> some severe damage.

100. We do not know who did them ...

101. we do not know whether this is an act of an organisation/

102. or .. an individual or individuals/

103. We don't have a sense of motive yet,

104. ah so everything else at this point .. is speculation/

105. but as= ah we receive <A more information A>,

106. as the FBI has more information,

107. as our counter-terrorism teams have more information

108. ah we will make sure to keep you= and the American people

109. posted

110. Alright?

111. Thank you very much everybody.