**PRESIDENT OBAMA CALLS BOSTON BOMBING AN ‘ACT OF TERROR’ (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pSSPTdaCMw)**

XX <? ago? > on the attacks in Bos=ton/

We continue to <F mobilise F>

and employ all appropriate law enforcement resources

to protect our citizens\ ..

and investigate a=nd to respond to this attack\

Ah obviously our first thoughts this morning are ah

with the victims\

their families ..

and the citizens of Boston\

We know that .. two explosions

gravely wounded doz=ens of Americans\

<P and took the lives of others

including a= 8 year old boy P> ..

This was a hei=nous and cowardly <F act F>

and given what we= now know about what took place,

the FBI is investigating it as an act of terrorism\

Any time bombs are <F used F> .. to target innocccent civilians,

it is an act of terror\

What we do=n’t yet know however,

is who carried out this attack/

or why\ ..

whether it was <F planned F>

and executed by a terrorist organisation/

foreign or domestic/

or= was the act of a malevolent individual\

That’ss what we don’t yet know\

and clearly we are at the beginning of our investigation\

it will take time to d- to follow up every lead/

and determine what happened\

but we will find out.

We will .. find= whoever harmed our citizens

and we will bring them .. to <F justice F> …

We also know <F this F>,

the American people refuse to be terrorised\

because what the= world saw yesterday in the aftermath of the explosions were ..

stories of heroism/

and kindness

and generosity/

and love\

Exhausted runners who .. kept running to the nearest hospital to give blood,

and those who stayed to tend to the wounded/..

some tearing off their own clothes to make tourniquets/

the first respond=ers who ran into the chaos to save lives,

the men and women who are still= treating the wounded,

at some of the best hospitals in the world\

and the medical students who hurried to help= ..

saying when we <F heard F>

we all came in\

the <FpriestsF> who opened their churches/

and ministered to the hurt,

and the fearful

and the good people of Boston who opened their homes to the victims of this attack,

and those shaken by it\

So if you want to know who we <F are F/

what America <F is F>/

how we respond to evil/

that’s it.

selflessly ..

compassionately ..

unafraid\

In the coming days we will pursue every= effort

to get to the bottom of what happened

and we will continue to remain vigilant=.

I’ve directed my administration to take appropriate security measures to protect the American people ..,

and this is a good time for all of us to remember that …

we all have a part to play in alerting authorities ..

if you see= something suspicious\

.. speak up.

tst.. I have extraordinary confidence in the men and women of the FBI/

the Boston Police Department and the other agencies that responded so heroically and effectively in the aftermath of yesterday’s events.

Um I’m very grateful for the leadership of Governor <F Patrick F>

And Mayor <F Manino F>

and I know that even as we protect our people and aggressively pursue this investigation,

the people of Boston will continue to respond..

in the same proud .. and heroic way

that they have thus far\

and their fellow Americans will be ..

right there with them\

thank you very much

and <FF you can expect FF>,

further briefings

from uh law enforcement officials,

ah as the the day goes on.

uh when we have more details/ ..

they will be disclosed/

What I’ve indicated to you is what we know now\

We know was … bombs that were set off/

We know\

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

We do not know who did them …

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

or .. an individual or individuals/

We don’t have a sense of motive yet,

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

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

as the FBI has more information,

as our counter-terrorism teams have more information

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

Alright?

Thank you very much everybody.