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BARACK OBAMA

Remarks on the Shooting of United States Military Personnel in Frankfurt, Germany, and an Exchange With Reporters March 2, 2011

The President. I want to take a brief moment just to say a few words about a tragic event that took place earlier today in Frankfurt, Germany.

I'm saddened and I am outraged by this attack that took the lives of two Americans and wounded two others. I think the American people are united in expressing our gratitude for the service of those who were lost. Michelle and I have their family and their friends in our thoughts and prayers, and we are praying for a speedy recovery for those who were injured.

I want everybody to understand that we will spare no effort in learning how this outrageous act took place and in working with German authorities to ensure that all of the perpetrators are brought to justice.

And we don't have all the information yet, and you will be fully briefed as we get more information, but this is a stark reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices that our men and women in uniform are making all around the world

to keep us safe and the dangers that they face all around the globe.

So I think it's fair to say that on behalf of the American people, we want to extend our deepest condolences to these families. And we will give you further updates as we get more information about it.

Okay. Thank you.

Situation in Libya

Q. Anything on Libya, Mr. President?

Q. Was this an act of terrorism, sir?

Q. Will you take a question on Libya?

The President. I will have a chance to take some questions tomorrow. President Calderon from Mexico will be here, and so I'll give you guys a chance to ask a couple of questions on some of these other pressing topics. All right?

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:30 p.m. in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House.

Remarks on Presenting the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal March 2, 2011

The President. Thank you very much, everyone. Please, have a seat. Thank you. Well, hello, everybody. It is wonderful to have all of you here.

I want to make mention of some folks in particular that have helped us to celebrate the arts and the humanities for many years. First of all, if I'm not mistaken, our Democratic leader

in the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, a great champion of the arts, is here. There she is. Thank you, Nancy.

The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Rocco Landesman, is here. Where's Rocco? There he is. The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Jim Leach, is here. The two most powerful