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Dear John and Tracy,

Last night we were anticipating the president telling us Gahdafi had been killed, when it turned out to be Bin Laden!! We couldn't believe it! This evil, evil man can no longer stir up destruction and death and influence the minds of young or impoverished people or any other people His mission wasn't limited to harming any one group though the US has taken the brunt and the world is a better place because he is gone. The military personnel have our gratitude for their courage and precision in completing this task. I can picture the Situation Room so clearly and imagine the roller-coaster of emotion that went on in there during the attack.

And how perfect to have a burial at sea. As this was unfolding I am thinking -- yeah, this had to be a kill because where would we put him - Guantanamo?? No way. If he's dead, do we give the body back to his family for burial in Saudi Arabia and have it become a martyr's pilgrimage site - worse. So burial at sea was perfect, so perfect!!

So I, along with so many today, rejoice in this mission being accomplished and remember those who died on 911 and the many other people around the world who also have died as a consequence of al Queda actions. Let's hope that Bin Laden's proponents can turn from the teachings of violence and focus that energy into growing food and providing constructive jobs for its members.

Thank you, thank you, this is a truly historic day.

love,
Ellen