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18 May 2011

President Barak Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Back from the OVAL

Dear Mr. President;

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I want to start by saying [redacted] I'm a Vietnam era vet,
West Point graduate class of [redacted] I have served my country and I consider myself very
patriotic. [redacted] The purpose of my
letter is to thank you personally for your recent actions regarding our war with Al Qaeda,
and to say you have my undying respect and gratitude.

As all Americans I watched with fascination as events unfolded surrounding the
death of Bin Laden. You were very gracious and quick to give credit to all the agencies
and departments involved. True they did their job. However, I don't want to thank them, I
want to thank you. On all points in my estimation you made the right calls. To authorize
the raid, to not tell Pakistan, to select the Navy Seals, to kill rather than capture, and to
bury at sea. All this required courage and guts. Even your speeches afterwards were
succinct and inspiring. Your phrase: anyone who thinks Bin Laden didn't receive justice
should have their head examined. Perfect.

With politicians you never know what they really mean when they speak. You
certainly come across as a nice person, very eloquent, a good family man, and someone
immediately likeable. When I listened to you in the past I saw a very persuasive voice for
the other side of the debate. I believe in small and decentralized government and I guess
we will always disagree. I have no doubt that you are true and worthy American.

I realize this letter will be read by a staffer and probably discarded. I hope
whoever does read this at least conveys the notion that the other side did take notice, put
politics aside, and gave credit to a man who made us all proud. Duty, Honor, Country is
what they preach at West Point and your actions couldn't have said it better. Thanks.



Richard E. Cappiello

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