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See below the Presidenthe rationale for not rel	t's answer on photos to CBS. Ja leasing. Thanks.	y read this at the top	of the briefing, and i	t explains in some detail
Q When did you start killed?	to feel comfortable that bin Lac	den had been		
	en they landed we had very str ysis indicated that, in fact, it wa			
Q Did you see the p	pictures?			
THE PRESIDENT: Yes	.			
Q What was your r	eaction when you saw them?			
THE PRESIDENT: It w	vas him.			
Q Why didn't you r	elease them?			·
DNA sampling and testi	e discussed this internally. Keeping, and so there is no doubt the	at we kill <mark>e</mark> d Osama bi	in Laden. It is importa	ant for us to make sure

The fact of the matter is, this was somebody who was deserving of the justice that he received, and I think Americans and people around the world are glad that he is gone. But we don't need to spike the football. And I think that given the graphic nature of these photos it would create some national security risk, and I've discussed this with Bob Gates and Hillary Clinton and my intelligence teams, and they all agree.

violence, as a propaganda tool. That's not who we are. We don't trot out this stuff as trophies.

Q There are people in Pakistan, for example, who say, look, this is all a lie -- Obama -- this is another American trick, Osama is not dead.

THE PRESIDENT: The truth is, is that we were monitoring worldwide reaction. There's no doubt that bin Laden is dead. Certainly, there is no doubt among al Qaeda members that he is dead. And so we don't think that a photograph in it of itself is going to make any difference.

There are going to be some folks who deny it. The fact of the matter is, you will not see bin Laden walking on this Earth again.