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## DISCOVERY CHANNEL ONE HOUR SPECIAL KILLING BIN LADEN (WT) PROVIDES SECOND-BY-SECOND ACCOUNT OF HISTORIC OPERATION

-- Premieres Sunday, May 15 at 10PM ET/PT --

(Silver Spring, Md.) – "Bin Laden Dead." For ten years – since Osama Bin Laden masterminded the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center -- it's been the headline Americans have waited for. <u>On Sunday, May 15 at 10PM ET/PT</u>, Discovery Channel will premiere **KILLING BIN LADEN** (WT), a one-hour special that provides an intimate second-by-second account of the Bin Laden operation -- from the time the crucial intelligence was gathered in 2010, through the burial of bin Laden at sea.

Utilizing a global team of local reporters, fixers and cameras on the ground in Abbottabad, Pakistan, **KILLING BIN LADEN (WT)** will delve into the details of how the operation was planned and executed, seeking to answer key questions that are to date unresolved, including: How many special ops forces were involved? From where did they deploy? How was facial recognition used to identify bin Laden? Why was one of the helicopters abandoned and destroyed?

"Bringing Osama Bin Laden to justice is one of the biggest stories of our country's lifetime," said Clark Bunting, President and GM, Discovery Channel. "Discovery Channel's global reach, strong partnerships and unique nonfiction storytelling ability allow us to delve deep into this story and provide viewers with answers to the questions they are asking as well as context and historical perspective."

**KILLING BIN LADEN (WT)** will also investigate how intelligence gathered the information that led to Bin Laden's hideout, including the tracking of a senior Al Qaeda courier. In August 2010, investigators tagged the heavily fortified compound, where the courier lived with his brother, as a possible terrorist hideout. Once intelligence experts were convinced that the

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compound contained a senior "high value" terrorist target with a strong likelihood that it could be Osama Bin Laden himself, they launched the plan that would end with U.S. Special Forces making a pre-dawn raid by helicopter.

Encore airings of **KILLING BIN LADEN (WT)** will air on Discovery Communications' Military Channel, Science Channel, ID and Planet Green in the United States. The special will also air internationally within Discovery's portfolio of global networks.

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