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President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear President Obama:

As President of the White House News Photographers Association I would like to follow up on Ed Henry's question about news coverage of U.S heroes returning to Dover Air Force Base. Our members believe that this coverage is a legitimate story and would urge you to permit this coverage to resume.

Of course, we feel that the coverage should be done in a dignified and respectful manner.

Coverage of this important story was acceptable for decades and it was suspended because a former administration thought that seeing coffins returning would be detrimental to the message that the administration wanted to tell to the American public.

Members of the White House News Photographers Association would be pleased to offer their assistance in formatting rules for resuming coverage of this important part of American history.

Sincerely,

Dennis Brack
President
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Association