

My remarks in their entirety at the one-year mark press conference, held at Coving & Burling with attorneys Eric Holder and Ben Razi.

Thank you all for being here this morning.

As we approached the one-year mark of Robert's death last week, several people asked how I was doing. As I look back on this most unexpected journey, I'm encouraged at how far I've come due in no small part to the extraordinary support I've received from my church, family, friends and colleagues. Slowly but surely, life has been coming back. I'm laughing again and I'm enjoying the company of friends. I can listen to music and this time, I actually hear the notes ... I'm starting to hope again. I think overall, I've done OK for having come through the darkest year of my life.

Last year, Washington DC lost one of its best; to everyone who was even remotely touched by Robert's friendship, he was an individual of exceptional integrity, compassion, intelligence, and wit. His generosity and his hope for mankind had no limit. He accomplished so much in his short life, and now we are left to only imagine how much more he would have done for this city and its various communities. I

speaking for hundreds when I ask that the police, FBI, and the U.S.

Attorney's office not let this case languish.

Last but not least, I have a few words for the individual who took Robert's life. A countless number of friends, colleagues, and family members from all over the country have been shaken to the core by the tragic and senseless loss of such a young and promising life. While dealing with my own share of paralyzing sadness, I realized that I also grieve deeply for the loss of your own life ... having a murder on your conscience is no small load to carry as you try to live, I imagine, as normal a life as possible. Confessing will be the hardest thing you'll ever do in your life ... our laws will impose severe consequences, but it will also be the most freeing thing that you can do for yourself. A secret like the one you are hiding from the world will only grow heavier with time.