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Giuliani says tape sticks it to Bin Laden

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Mayor Giuliani said yesterday that the Osama Bin Laden videotape was "one of the most detailed descriptions of a premeditated murder" he has ever seen.

Giuliani, who earned a reputation as a dogged federal prosecutor before he became the city's law-and-order mayor, made the rounds of the morning talk shows and discussed the tape, which was released by the Bush administration Thursday.

The mayor assailed Bin Laden for "gloating" over the scale of the destruction caused by the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. And he repeatedly pointed to the 60-minute amateur videotape interview with Bin Laden as proof positive that the exiled Saudi was the mastermind behind the bloodiest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

"What it demonstrates is you know beyond any doubt in the world that he is responsible for this," Giuliani said during an interview on CNN, calling the attacks a "premeditated mass murder."

"It gives you a sense of how fiendish and how dangerous this man is and continues to be," he said.

Drawing on his experience trying criminal cases, Giuliani said Bin Laden made "about as complete and detailed [a] confession as you can possibly get."

He said the confession vindicated the military response by the U.S. and its allies against Bin Laden's Al Qaeda terrorist network and its Taliban supporters in Afghanistan.

"It's not just that there is no expression of regret, but just the opposite — an expression of satisfaction, almost maniacal pleasure in the fact that so many people have died," Giuliani said.

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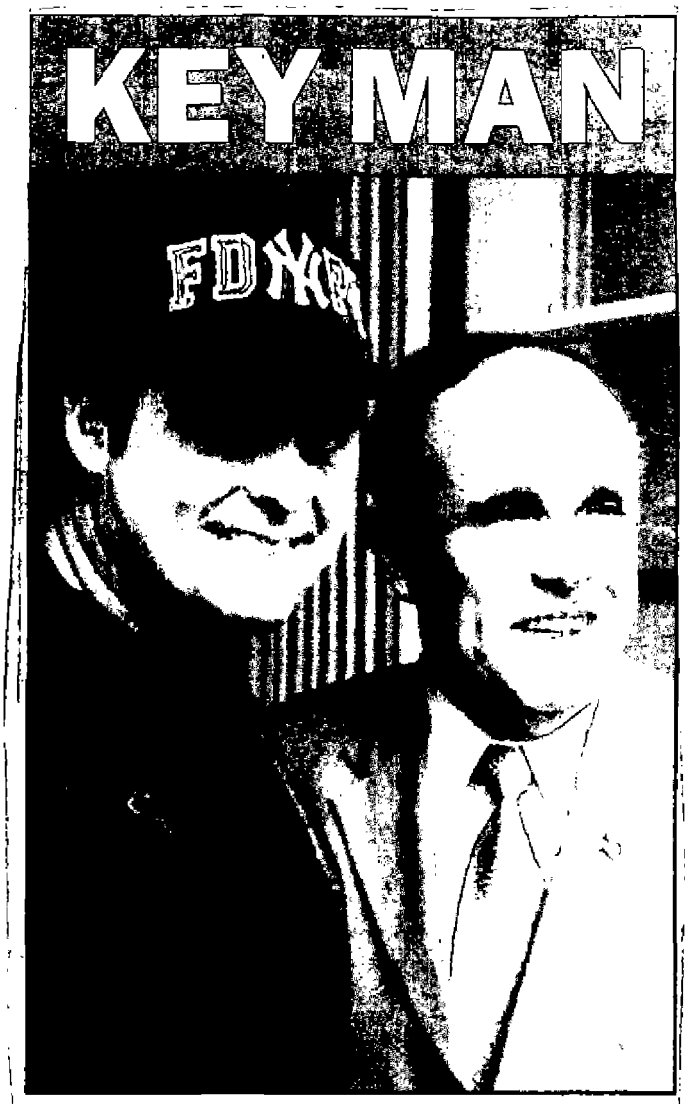

First Fan Mayor Giuliani welcomes Yanks' new Big Bopper, Jason Giambi, to City Hall and gives him key to city.

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