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RUSH TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO APPEARS LIVE ON NY1 TO DISCUSS PARIS TERROR ATTACKS

Lewis Dodley, NY1: Thanks for joining us, Mayor, on this tragic night.

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you, Lewis. It is a very painful night. And our hearts and our prayers are with the people of Paris. We saw what they went through back in January – I went there myself and it was such a troubling time – but this attack in some ways is even worse. And you know, we know all about this feeling because of what we experienced on 9/11. And the most important thing I want to tell people, though, is there are no specific threats against New York City right now. We're in constant touch with the French authorities and with our own NYPD presence in Paris, but also with our federal colleagues here, and there is no specific threat at this moment against New York City.

Dodley: You were back there in January after the Charlie Hebdo tragedy, and you were quoted as saying that "This is the way forward. I wanted to come here to let the people of Paris know New York City stands with them." This is a kind of situation which is more sensitive to New Yorkers, wouldn't you say?

Mayor: Of course, because we – we've been a victim of the worst terrorist attack this country ever experienced, and we have been in a state of vigilance ever since. And that's why we have well over 1,000 NYPD officers on anti-terror activities. That's why tonight you're going to see additional NYPD presence in some key locations around the city and certainly in front of the French government facilities here and the French Mission to the U.N. and the French Consulate. We learned through painful experience that we had to protect ourselves, and that's part of why NYPD has presence around the world to gather information right now. Again, we're in regular touch with our office in Paris, so we are – we have literally on-the-scene reports, and we're making judgments accordingly. But, yes, New York knows this all too well. And that's why we know we have to be ready.

Dodley: We're monitoring reports that indicate that there are gunmen still at large, and that the death toll is climbing. We know the situation is still in flux, but do you have any idea of whether or not you're going to be sending NYPD members over to help out in this?

Mayor: Look, we always – we always want to support our allies and our colleagues in law enforcement overseas, and we'll do that if that would be helpful. But I think the important thing to recognize is this is a crisis that's going on right now. The most important thing we can do is taking information we're getting and use it to make sure we're protecting our people here. But there is a very strong cooperation between the French authorities and the American authorities, and certainly with the NYPD as well. So, in the aftermath of this attack, you know, we're going to look for every way we can support them and support the people of France. And this, again, must be a very, very painful moment – second time in this year – and we're going to do everything we can to show solidarity with them and support them.

Dodley: And any parting words of assurance for New Yorkers who might be watching and be quite startled by these attacks?

Mayor: Yeah, it is startling, it is painful, and rest assured – NYPD on high alert. Again, you're going to see some additional presence tonight. Very much want to remind people the extraordinary capacity the NYPD has to protect us in general and to protect us from terror. But specifically want to remind people, too, if you see anything you regard as suspicious, it's very important to let the NYPD know immediately. And we want to make sure, even though we have no specific threats against us, if there's anything that someone regards as unusual or suspicious, it's always the smarter thing to do to let the NYPD know.

Dodley: Mayor de Blasio, thanks for your time.

Mayor: Thank you, Lewis.

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