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## A BLAST HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

DATELINE: Oklahoma City, USA

Initially there was a quietness in the city... in the malls and stores, as people went about their business in a sort of shock. A few days later this changed to sadness, manifested mainly in a sense of kindness to one other. The crime rate dropped by forty percent. Blood donation lines stretched for blocks. People let others go ahead of them in lines; they spoke and made eye contact with strangers. They volunteered in droves to give their time, effort and money—often anonymously—in response to calls for assistance.

Citizens were touched by the many offers of condolence, sympathy, and help from all over the world. Friends, acquaintances, business associates, people we really didn't know—all seemed to really care.

Oklahomans responded to the disaster with kindness, compassion, fear, courage, eloquence, strength and resolve. This act of terrorism—this example of man's ultimate inhumanity to man—may in the long run make the world a better place. It changed us. It may help the rest of the world.

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