



The tragic events of this day are staggering to the sense of security, peace and calm that we in Minnesota and the United States are used to in our daily lives.

This is a time of great shock, great sorrow and great concern.

But this is a time when we must be confident that we can meet the very difficult challenges put forth by these senseless and tragic acts.

I want to assure the people of Minnesota that we are in continuous contact with the FBI and the Secret Service, and that I have instructed Public Safety Commissioner Charlie Weaver to activate the State of Minnesota Emergency Operations Center.

Public Buildings in Minneapolis and St. Paul have been alerted and many of them secured.

Further, I am advising schools to keep students in school, but to take measures to make their buildings as secure as possible.

Our best advice to government employees and is that unless you are directed by your supervisor to evacuate your place of work, please remain on the job at your place of work.

This is truly a time of extraordinary apprehension. But I would ask that people remain calm but alert.

If and when we have any further information we will immediately notify the news media.

Thank you.