

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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I want the people of Oklahoma City to know that my
~~thoughts are with you all.~~ ^{The prayers of all Americans and my} To you, to the innocent

victims of this brutal attack, ~~and~~ ^{the people of Oklahoma City} to the friends and
families of the dead and wounded; ~~We are praying for~~

~~you.~~

Oklahoma City

~~This bombing was an act of cowardice.~~
~~Most of all, I want all the people of this country and I~~
~~an attack on defenseless children and innocent~~
~~want people around the world to know this: The United~~
~~States of America does not, and will never, tolerate acts~~
~~of terror against our people.~~
~~was evil, The U.S. will not tolerate it. I will~~

~~not allow the people of this country to be~~
~~intimidated by evil cowards.~~

I have ^{met with our} just received a briefing ^{the} from a federal ^{my brother}
~~interagency team.~~ ~~to deal with this to respond to this~~ I have taken the following steps to

^{the strongest} ensure a ~~total~~ maximum response to this situation:

1. ^{have declared} I am ~~declaring~~ an emergency in the ^{Oklahoma City} ~~State of~~
~~Oklahoma~~. At my direction, James Lee Witt, the
Director of the Federal Emergency Management
^{Agency}
~~Administration~~ is on his way to Oklahoma City.
We will do everything in our power to help the
people of Oklahoma deal with this tragedy.

2. I have deployed a crisis management ~~investigative~~
team under the leadership of the FBI, working with
the Department of Justice, the Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco, and Firearms, military, and local
authorities. We are sending the finest investigators
in the world to ^{solve the murders} ~~get to the bottom of this~~.

3. We are taking every precaution to reassure and protect other people who work in or live near federal facilities.

To attack innocent citizens and defenseless children for any purpose -- any purpose -- is beyond the bounds of anything humanly acceptable. This bombing in Oklahoma City was an act of cowardice. I will not allow the people of this country to be intimidated by cowards.

Let there be no room for doubt: We will find the people responsible for this bombing. When we do, justice will be swift ^{and sure} and certain. They are killers, and they ^{must} ~~must~~ be dealt with ^{as killers} ~~accordingly~~.

[If any of those killed were federal employees, then under the Crime Bill signed last year, the penalty for this crime could be death.]

I ask all Americans to be conscious of the precautions they must take at this time. I know that this situation may mean certain inconveniences in the short run. But working together, we will get through this.

Finally,

~~Heavens~~, I ask all Americans to pray tonight for the ~~unseen~~ victims of this brutal attack —

for the friends & families
of the dead & ~~wounded~~ ^{injured}
& for the people of Okla. City.

May God ^{is gracious} ~~bles~~ them —

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