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Good Morning,

I understand from many of you that the press has been asking for a statement or your feelings regarding the issue of campus security at the university campuses in Iowa.

So you are informed, yesterday afternoon I asked the Presidents to send me the existing protocols for their respective universities that would respond to a tragedy similar to the Virginia Tech incident. I have received those protocols and forwarded them to the Governor at his request.

These are current facts and salient points that I would like for you to know:

1. All of the universities have protocols in place to react to such a situation, but no entity, corporation, public or private, or university anywhere can prevent a tragedy like this.
2. After 9/11 all security processes, technologies, and procedures were reviewed and strengthened. Training and counseling was provided to university employees to aid in recognizing threats and dangers, and reactive policies were reviewed and redesigned where necessary to meet increased threats. The people of Iowa and the students at the three universities and two special schools can rest assured that all of the campuses are as safe as they can possibly be.
3. The Governor is FULLY engaged and his staff has contacted me several times over the past 12 hours to gather information, discuss security issues, and offer the assistance of his office to undertake whatever is necessary to strengthen and improve security processes and procedures. His number one concern and the number one concern of the Regents is the safety of our students.
4. All of the university policies and procedures should be reviewed periodically, and the tragedy at Virginia Tech provides an excellent opportunity to review, evaluate and redesign security protocols and procedures where necessary.

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