I have conferred with Sheriff R. H. Bearden of Greenville County and Sheriff B. B. Brockman of Spartanburg County about the atrocious sex attacks which recently occurred in the two counties. The facilities of the State Constabulary have been placed at their disposal, and Chief Townsend has been instructed to render every assistance possible to detect and apprehend the degenerates responsible for these heinous crimes.

Investigation of such savagery on the womanhood of South Carolina will be pushed with all the energy possible. Those who are capable of debasing the ladies of this state must know that the people of South Carolina will not tolerate these outrageous crimes.

As a warning to possible offenders of this nature, I wish to call attention to the fact that municipal, county, and state law enforcement officials have successfully investigated and apprehended those guilty in practically every previous crime of this nature, since the beginning of my term of office. Trial and conviction in the courts have followed quickly. Law enforcement officers are to be commended for the precedent which they have established in such crimes and the consequent protection afforded by rapid arrests.

I urge continued co-operation by all officials concerned, and wish to put future offenders on notice that swift apprehension and justice will be forthcoming.