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President London Johnson said the tornado disaster area of southeast Iowa is a "magnificent disaster area." The president was speaking to the Press Monday evening.

"We have a long way to go," he said. "I want to express my profound sympathy to the victims of the tornadoes and to the many millions who have visited the area." The president spoke at a press conference held in the White House Rose Garden.

Johnson said the government's response to the disaster has been "immediate and effective." He said that federal agencies have been working "around the clock" to provide assistance to the victims.

The president also announced that he will travel to the area on Wednesday to survey the damage and meet with the affected residents.

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