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GOV. BRYANT HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING PACKAGE TO SEND
FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE IT
FOR THE AFTERNOON MEETING WITH NORWOOD.

IF YOU DO, AND LET US KNOW, GOV. BRYANT CAN START
THE ACTION TOMORROW MORNING.

MARCH 20, 1967

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MONDAY

1. LETTER FROM GOV. BRYANT TO THE PRESIDENT

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON MARCH 2, 1967, TYPHOON SALLY STRUCK THE ISLANDS OF KOROR
AND BABELTHAUP IN THE PALAU DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. EARLY REPORTS WERE FRAGMENTARY
BUT THEY SUGGESTED A SERIOUS DISASTER.

THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIES, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NOTIFIED US AS SOON AS THEY HAD WORD OF THE TYPHOON. WE
THEN CONTACTED OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE MILITARY AND THE
RED CROSS TO ASSURE THAT IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY NEEDS WERE
MET. FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AS WELL AS BUILDING SUPPLIES
AND EQUIPMENT, WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE DISASTER AREAS.

WE DISPATCHED A DISASTER ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR TO THE SCENE
TO SURVEY DAMAGES AND CONSULT WITH TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS.
OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF
THE ISLANDS AFFECTED. TOTAL DAMAGES ARE REPORTED IN EXCESS
OF \$5 MILLION, AND DAMAGE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY EXCEEDS \$1 1/2
MILLION. THERE WAS MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOLS, DISPENSARIES,
AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS. THE PUBLICLY-OWNED UTILITIES WERE
HEAVILY DAMAGED. THERE WERE DAMAGES IN EVERY CATEGORY OF
PL 875 ASSISTANCE. THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL
GOVERNING BODIES DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY.

HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. NORWOOD OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS REQUESTED A MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION UNDER PL 81-875 FOR KOPOR AND BABELTHAUP. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR UDALL HAS ENDORSED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST.

I RECOMMEND THAT YOU DECLARE A MAJOR DISASTER FOR THE AREAS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON SALLY AND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF \$750,000 FOR DISASTER RECOVERY WORK.

THE NECESSARY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

RESPECTFULLY,

FARRIS BRYANT
DIRECTOR

2. PROPOSED LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GOV. BRYANT (WHICH IF APPROVED CAN BE TYPED UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON).

DEAR GOVERNOR:

I HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE DAMAGE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE PALAU DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY TYPHOON SALLY ON MARCH 2, 1967, IS OF SUFFICIENT SEVERITY AND MAGNITUDE TO WARRANT ASSISTANCE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLEMENT TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL EFFORTS.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ALLOCATE \$750,000, PLUS THREE PER CENTUM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

SINCERELY,

HONORABLE FARRIS BRYANT
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

3. TELEGRAM FROM THE PRESIDENT TO COMMISSIONER NORWOOD

THE WHITE HOUSE

HONORABLE WILLIAM R. NORWOOD
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND
SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

AS YOU REQUESTED, I HAVE DECLARED A "MAJOR DISASTER" UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC LAW 81-875 IN THOSE AREAS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SUFFERING DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF TYPHOON SALLY. THIS DECLARATION WILL PERMIT FEDERAL AID TO ASSIST IN THE REPAIR OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES ON THE ISLANDS OF KOROR AND BABELTHAUP.

I HAVE AUTHORIZED AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF \$750,000 FOR EMERGENCY RECOVERY WORK IN THE AFFECTED AREAS. WHEN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PL 875 WORK, I WILL TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH YOU AND ASSIST IN THE EXECUTION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS GOVERNING EXPENDITURE OF THE ALLOCATED FUNDS.

PLEASE EXPRESS MY DEEP CONCERN FOR THE STORM VICTIMS.

4. PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH , 1967

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT TODAY DECLARED A MAJOR DISASTER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BECAUSE OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY TYPHOON SALLY. HE MADE AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS.

KOROR AND BABELTHAUP ARE TWO SMALL ISLANDS IN THE PALAU DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES SOUTHWEST OF GUAM. THESE ISLANDS SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE WHEN TYPHOON WINDS ROARED THROUGH THE ISLAND ON MARCH 2.

EMERGENCY MASS CARE SERVICES ARE BEING FURNISHED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT ASSISTED BY THE MILITARY AND THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS PROVIDED LARGE QUANTITIES OF SURPLUS FOODS TO FEED DISASTER VICTIMS.

THE PRESIDENT'S MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS WILL PERMIT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF THE DEVASTATED AREAS. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE DISASTER.

THIS PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZED UNDER THE FEDERAL DISASTER ACT (PUBLIC LAW 81-875), IS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING. THE OEP REGION 7 OFFICE IN SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, IS COORDINATING FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

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