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HUGHES:

The Interior Department Office of Territorial Affairs reports that little significant impact will be felt by Guam, American Samoa and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, despite a smaller appropriation request for fiscal 1974. The new budget will be some 11 million dollars less than the '73 appropriation. Stan Carpenter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial Affairs comments...

MR. CARPENTER:

More than half of of the \$11-million reduction comes from the budget for the Territory of Guam. Over \$6-million in fiscal year 1973 was the final payment of a fund to aid Guam recover

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MR. CARPENTER:

from the effects of Typhoon Karen in 1962. Another cut of \$4-million in the budget is basically a loss of capital improvement funds for the Trust Territory. There is a large carryover from last fiscal year which remains to be expended. So, little impact is likely in Micronesia. The other million dollars of the 11-million reduction is reflected in the capital improvement program for American Samoa. But increases in local revenues and other sources of Federal funding is expected to offset this loss. Therefore, we believe the high standard of services to the Pacific Territories can be maintained while adhering to President Nixon's request to avoid unnecessary Federal spending.