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FIRST REPORT ON TYPHOON PAMELA NOW IN TRUK DISTRICT.

1. At 5:00 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, Typhoon Pamela was located at 9.1 N. and 151 E. Max. Speed 95 knots with wind gusts up to 115 knots. Moving at 9 knots per hour--radius up to 150 miles
2. AHC Coleman contacted in Saipan at 9:00 AM. (MIDNIGHT in Saipan) reports that Typhoon is somewhat of a freak one and has been moving in circles and zig-zagging in Truk District.
3. Last report that he had received was that the winds were up to 70 miles and there was a great deal of rain.
4. Late yesterday, the winds and rain caused a landslide in Moen, Truk and several concrete houses were hit.

In one concrete house that was buried and appears to have collapsed, some 10 people were said to have taken refuge there.

Last report that Mr. Coleman had that four people had been recovered--three were dead.

Only person identified amongst the dead at time of last report was Mrs. Sae Carrol, wife of Dennis Carrol, Micronesian Legal Services lawyer.

Other six person presumably in the house had not been recovered. It is about 1 A.M. in Truk and work there is handicapped by darkness, rain, lack of lights, etc. Rescue teams are at work.

5. Radios are out in outer islands but last report from them indicated that there was high water..and inundation of taro fields..but at time of reporting not much other damage.
6. AHC Coleman will send in progress reports and early tomorrow morning Saipan time( later this afternoon here in Washington, May 18, will phone in latest report.