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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.  
May 31, 1963--Yesterday morning, May 30, 1963, Memorial Day, the Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory Government, Mr. Jose A. Benitez, signed and delivered to Mr. Ralph D. Burns, Natural Disaster Coordinator, Region 7, who is the representative of the Office of Emergency Planning of the President of the United States, an application for assistance in the amount of \$2,300,000.00 for the people of Saipan, Tinian and Rota to cover destruction caused by Typhoon Olive.

According to Mr. Benitez' statement on the occasion, the Government of the Trust Territory was very grateful to the Department of Interior, to the Office of Emergency Planning of the President of the United States, and to the Red Cross for the immediate support they offered the people of Tinian, Rota and Saipan immediately after Typhoon Olive. He also had encouraging words for the people of these islands and for all the members of municipal, district and headquarters staffs:

"Helping people in hours of disaster is the biggest achievement a public servant can fulfill."

Present at the ceremony were the Executive Officer of the Trust Territory Government, Mr. John M. Spivey; the Attorney General, Mr. Robert K. Shoecraft; the Director of Public Works, Mr. Horace J. Leavitt; the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Charles B. Hughes; and Mr. Ralph D. Burns from the Office of Emergency Planning.

"Nothing is more satisfying than signing this application for help on this Memorial Day and especially when the application for assistance is signed on the historic island of Saipan where so many heroic people gave their lives to defend democracy. This is a clear example of how a democratic government assists people when assistance is needed."

With these words, Mr. Benitez closed the short ceremony in his name and in the name of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mr. M. W. Goding, presently at the United Nations participating in the Trusteeship Council hearings.

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