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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 81-375), is administered by the Office of Emergency Planning. The CEP Region 7 office in Santa Rosa, California, is coordinating federal disaster relief activities in the Trust Territory.

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