

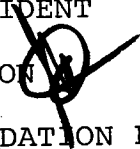
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WASHINGTON

June 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
 FROM: JIM CANNON 
 SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR MAJOR DISASTER
 DECLARATION - NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Resident Commissioner Erwin D. Canham of the Northern Mariana Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has requested a major disaster declaration because of damage caused by Typhoon Pamela.

The Typhoon, which struck the Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota during the period May 20 - 22, caused extensive public, private and agricultural damage. In addition to the need for public assistance and individual and family grant aid, there is a requirement for food, as the subsistence farming operations, which are the major food source, sustained extensive damage. (A more detailed report is attached.)

Secretary Hills and Tom Dunne, Administrator of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, conclude that this is a disaster of major proportions and that Federal assistance is required.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you declare a major disaster for the Northern Mariana Islands by signing the attached letter authorizing the necessary funds to provide Federal disaster assistance. Max Friedersdorf concurs in this recommendation.

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SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR A MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION**

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